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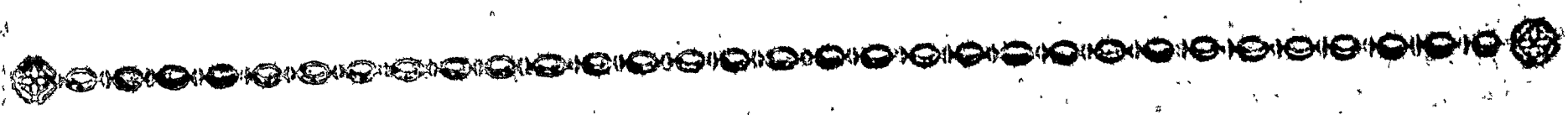
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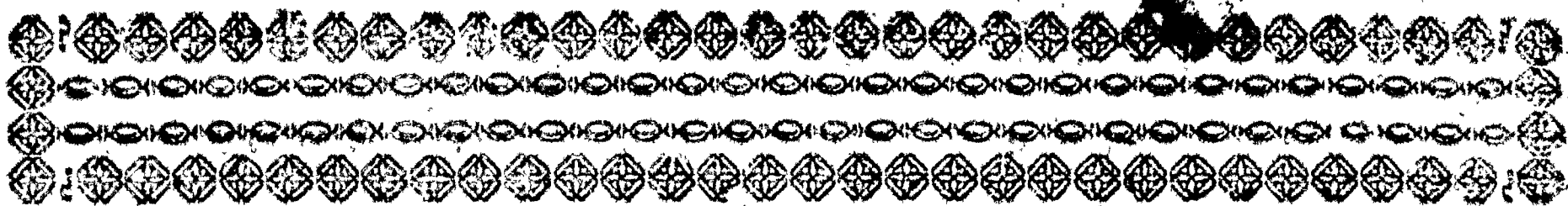
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T H U R S D A Y, O C T O B E R 9th, 1788.

THE Representatives of the Freemen of the State of Vermont, met this day at the meeting-house in Manchester, agreeable to constitution and the order of the Legislature.

On motion made to choose a Speaker pro. tem. for this day, Stephen R. Bradley, Esq. was nominated and appointed.

The following persons were returned elected as Representatives for the year ensuing, and they severally took the oaths and subscribed the test required by the constitution, viz.

WINDHAM COUNTY.

Newfane, Luke Knoulton, Esq.
Brattleborough, Capt. Israel Smith.
Dummerston, Capt. William Sargeants.
Putney, Capt. Daniel Jewett.
Westminster, Stephen R. Bradley, Esq.
Rockingham, Capt. Jonathan Holton.
Hallifax, Hubbel Wells, Esq.
Marlborough, Maj. Phinehas Freeman.
Wilmington, Jesse Cook, Esq.
Londonderry, Edward Aikin, Esq.
Athens, Rev. Joseph Bullen.
Whitingham, James Roberts, Esq.
Tomlinson, Mr. William Stickney.
Guilford, Benjamin Carpenter, Esq.
Townsend, Joshua Wood, Esq.

WINDSOR COUNTY.

Windsor, Stephen Jacob, Esq.
Woodstock, Col. Jesse Safford.
Springfield, Capt. Abner Bisbee.
Weathersfield, Joseph Hubbard, Esq.
Hartford, Col. Joshua Hazen.
Norwich, Elisha Burton, Esq.

Chester, Daniel Heald, Esq.
Reading, John Weld, Esq.
Sharon, Joel Marsh, Esq.
Hartland, Mr. William Gallup.
Royalton, Maj. Calvin Parkhurst.
Andover, Mr. Frederick Rogers.
Pomfret, John Throop, Esq.
Bethel, Mr. Nathaniel Throop.
Rockester, Mr. Enoch Emerson.
Bridgewater, John Hawkins, Esq.
Barnard, Mr. Joseph Foster.

BENNINGTON COUNTY.

Bennington, Capt. Elijah Dewey.
Pownall, Thomas Jewett, Esq.
Stamford, Mr. Benjamin Tupper.
Manchester, Capt. Thomas Barney.
Shaftsbury, Gideon Olin, Esq.
Sandgate, Capt. Richard Hurd.
Dorset, Mr. William Durston.
Sunderland, Col. Gideon Brownson.
Rupert, Israel Smith, Esq.
Arlington, Nathan Canfield, Esq.

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RUTLAND COUNTY.

Rutland, Samuel Williams, Esq.
 Clarendon, Mr. Daniel Marsh.
 Pawlet, Doctor Lemuel Chipman.
 Ira, George Sherman, Esq.
 Danby, Mr. Peter Lewis.
 Tinmouth, Doctor Ebenezer Marvin.
 Harwich, Mr. John Stafford.
 Pittsford, Noah Hopkins, Esq.
 Fairhaven, Col. Matthew Lyon.
 Wells, Capt. Abel Merriman.
 Middletown, John Burnham, Esq.
 Wallingford, Mr. Joseph Randall.
 Brandon, Capt. Nathan Daniels.
 Shrewsbury, Ichabod Robinson, Esq.
 Hubbardton, Mr. Nathan Rumsey.
 Benson, Capt. Asahel Smith.
 Orwell, Lieut. William Smith.
 Castleton, Eli Cogswell, Esq.

ORANGE COUNTY.

Newbury, Col. Thomas Johnson.
 Fairlee, Gen. Israel Morey.
 Williamstown, Mr. Elijah Paine.
 Moretown, Col. John Barron.
 Tunbridge, Col. Seth Austin.
 Randolph, Afa Edgerton, Esq.
 Thetford, Beriah Lomis, Esq.
 Peacham, William Chamberlin, Esq.
 Lunenburg, Mr. Amasa Grout.
 Danville, Abraham Morrill, Esq.
 Barnet, Col. Alexander Harvey.
 Strafford, Mr. Alexander Pennock.

ADDISON COUNTY.

Addison, Zadock Everist, Esq.
 Ferrisburgh, Abel Thomson, Esq.
 Newhaven, Col. Alexander Brush.
 Bridport, Col. Philip Stone.
 Cornwall, Col. Samuel Benton.
 Salisbury, Mr. Stephen Hurd.
 Middlebury, Gamaliel Painter, Esq.
 Shoreham, Capt. Josiah Pond.
 Whiting, Capt. Samuel Beach.
 Monkton, Samuel Barnum, Esq.
 Panton, Mr. Gideon Spencer.
 Leicester, Capt. Thomas Sawyer.

CHITTENDEN COUNTY.

Charlotte, Capt. John M'Neil.
 Shelburn, Caleb Smith, Esq.
 Georgia, Mr. James Everts.
 Essex, Timothy Bliss, Esq.
 Jerico, Mr. Lewis Chapin.
 Colchester, Col. Ira Allen.
 Williston, Amos Brownson, Esq.
 Cambridge, John Fassett, Esq.
 Milton, Mr. Aaron Matthews.
 Twoheroes, Col. Ebenezer Allen.
 Burlington, Samuel Lane, Esq.
 Fairfax, Mr. Josiah Safford.
 Alburgh, Mr. William Coit.
 St. Albans, Mr. Jonathan Hoit.

Resolved, That a Committee of fourteen, to join a Committee from the Council, be appointed to receive, sort and count the votes for Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, Treasurer and Councillors, and make report of the persons chosen—The members appointed, Mr. Dewey, Mr. Jewett, Mr. Marvin, Mr. Chipman, Mr. Brush, Mr. Thomson, Mr. Bliss, Mr. M'Neil, Mr. Speaker, Mr. Knoulton, Mr. Jacob, Mr. Burton, Mr. Johnson and Mr. Morey.

Adjourned until five o'clock afternoon.

Five o'clock P. M. October 9th, 1788.

The Committee appointed to receive, sort and count the votes of the Freemen,
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for Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, Treasurer, and twelve Councillors, for the ensuing year, report, that his Excellency THOMAS CHITTENDEN, Esq. by the suffrages of the freemen, is chosen Governor—His Honor JOSEPH MARSH, Esq. Lieutenant-Governor—The Honorable SAMUEL MATTUCKS, Esq. Treasurer.

The Honorable SAMUEL SAFFORD, JACOB BAYLEY, JOHN STRONG, PETER OLCOTT, ISAAC TICHENOR, TIMOTHY BROWNSON, EBENEZER WALBRIDGE, SAMUEL FLETCHER, THOMAS PORTER, THOMAS MURDOCK, JONATHAN HUNT, and JOHN FASSET, Esquires, Councillors.

By order of Committee,

ISAAC TICHENOR, Chairman.

Which report was read, and the several persons elected were, by the Highsheriff for the county of Bennington, publicly declared chosen, by order of the House.

Adjourned until nine o'clock to-morrow morning.

F R I D A Y, O C T O B E R 10th, 1788.

THE credentials of Thomas Butterfield, Esq. of Highgate, were read, and the question being put whether the same should be accepted, and he allowed a seat, it passed in the negative.

The House then proceeded by ballot to choose a Speaker for the ensuing year, and the ballots being taken, the Honorable Gideon Olin, Esq. was declared chosen.

The resignation of Micah Townsend, Esq. Secretary of State, being read, was accepted, and a Committee of three appointed to draft a resolution of thanks from the House of Assembly, to the said Micah Townsend, Esq. for the attention and fidelity with which he has for a number of years past, discharged that important office. The members chosen, Messrs. Bullen, Bradley and Jacob.

Adjourned until two o'clock afternoon.

Two o'clock, P. M. October 10th, 1788.

The House being convened according to adjournment,

Resolved, That a Committee of three be appointed to return the thanks of this House to the Reverend Mr. Sill, for the election sermon preached yesterday.—The members chosen, Messrs. Wells, Morey and Lyon.

The credentials of Captain Ebenezer Hyde, of the Isle of Mot, were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion made to reconsider the vote for not accepting the credentials of Thomas Butterfield, Esq. and allowing him a seat in this House—On the question's being put, the yeas and nays were required, and were as follow :

Yeas.
Mr. Brownson,
Mr. Canfield,
Mr. Marvin,
Mr. Lyon,
Mr. Rumsey,
Mr. A. Smith,
Mr. Hubbard,

Nays.
Mr. Dewey,
Mr. I. Jewett,
Mr. Tupper,
Mr. Barney,
Mr. Hurd,
Mr. Dunton,
Mr. D. Marsh,

Nays.
Mr. Shearman,
Mr. Stafford,
Mr. Hopkins,
Mr. Williams,
Mr. Merriman,
Mr. Burnham,
Mr. Randall,

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Yeas

Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. Jacob,	Mr. Robinson,	Mr. Rogers,
Mr. Weld,	Mr. Daniels,	Mr. J. Throop,
Mr. N. Throop,	Mr. W. Smith,	Mr. Gallup,
Mr. Safford,	Mr. Cogswell,	Mr. Emmerson,
Mr. Barron,	Mr. Knoulton,	Mr. Hawkins,
Mr. Everist,	Mr. S. Smith,	Mr. Foster,
Mr. Benton,	Mr. Sargeants,	Mr. Johnson,
Mr. Painter,	Mr. D. Jewett,	Mr. Morey,
Mr. Sawyer,	Mr. Bradley,	Mr. Paine,
Mr. M'Neil,	Mr. Holton,	Mr. Austin,
Mr. C. Smith,	Mr. Wells,	Mr. Edgerton,
Mr. Everts,	Mr. Freeman,	Mr. Lomis,
Mr. Allen,	Mr. Cook,	Mr. Harvey,
Mr. Faffer,	Mr. Aikin,	Mr. Pennock,
Mr. Matthews,	Mr. Bullen,	Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Lane,	Mr. Roberts,	Mr. Brush,
Mr. Coit.	Mr. Stickney,	Mr. Stone,
	Mr. Carpenter,	Mr. Hurd,
	Mr. Ward,	Mr. Pond,
	Mr. Bisbee,	Mr. Barnum,
	Mr. Hazen,	Mr. Spencer,
	Mr. Burton,	Mr. Bliss,
	Mr. Heald,	Mr. Chapin,
	Mr. J. Marsh,	Mr. Brownson,
	Mr. Parkhurst,	Mr. Safford.

So it passed in the negative.

The ballots being taken for a Secretary of State for the year ensuing, Doctor Roswell Hopkins was elected and sworn.

The ballots being taken for a Clerk of the Assembly for the year ensuing, Stephen Jacob, Esq. was elected and sworn.

Ordered, That Mr. Lyon be requested to wait on his Excellency the Governor and the Honorable Council, and inform them, that this House have formed, and are ready to proceed to business.

The credentials of Noah Smith, Esq. from Johnson, were read, and the question being put whether the same should be accepted, and Mr. Smith allowed a seat in this House—The yeas and nays on the question being required, are as follow :

Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. Jewett,	Mr. Dewey,	Mr. Cogswell,
Mr. Brownson,	Mr. Tupper,	Mr. S. Smith,
Mr. Chipman,	Mr. Barney,	Mr. Sargeants,
Mr. Marvin,	Mr. Hurd,	Mr. D. Jewett,
Mr. Stafford,	Mr. Danton,	Mr. Holton,
Mr. Merriman,	Mr. Canfield,	Mr. Wells,
Mr. Burnham,	Mr. Shearmon,	Mr. Freeman,
Mr. Randall,	Mr. Hopkins,	Mr. Aikin,
Mr. Rumsey,	Mr. Daniels,	Mr. Roberts,

Yeas.

of the State of Vermont.

Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. A. Smith,	Mr. Stickney,	Mr. Lomis,
Mr. W. Smith,	Mr. Carpenter,	Mr. Pinnock,
Mr. Bullen,	Mr. Bisbee,	Mr. Stone,
Mr. Foster,	Mr. Hubbard,	Mr. Pond,
Mr. Jacob,	Mr. Hazen,	Mr. Barnum,
Mr. Harvey,	Mr. Burton,	Mr. Spencer,
Mr. Brush,	Mr. Heald,	Mr. M'Neil,
Mr. Everist,	Mr. Weld,	Mr. C. Smith,
Mr. Benton,	Mr. J. Marsh,	Mr. Chapin,
Mr. Hurd,	Mr. Parkhurst,	Mr. Brownson.
Mr. Allen,	Mr. Rogers,	
Mr. Matthews,	Mr. Safford,	
Mr. Safford,	Mr. Gallup,	
Mr. Coit,	Mr. Emmerson,	
Mr. Ward.	Mr. Barron,	

So it passed in the negative.

Resolved, That a Committee of seven, to join a Committee from Council, be appointed to prepare an arrangement of the necessary business to be laid before the House the present session, and make report—Members chosen, Messrs. Dewey, Marvin, Painter, Allen, Bradley, Safford and Lomis.

Adjourned until eight o'clock to-morrow morning.

S A T U R D A Y, OCTOBER 11th, 1788.

RULES for regulating the House of Assembly, were read, and adopted.

Resolved, That the Constable and Selectmen of the town of Johnson, or either of them be, and they hereby are empowered, personally to warn all the Freemen of said town to meet at some convenient place in said town, as soon as they conveniently can after the receipt of this resolution, to choose a Representative to represent said town in General Assembly for the present year, if they should judge proper.

Resolved, That Messrs. Canfield, Chipman, Brush, Bliss, Freeman, I. Marsh, and Johnson, be a committee to receive the lists from the several towns; and to doom such towns as neglect to return their lists to this Assembly according to law.

A petition from the inhabitants of the town of Orwell, was read and ordered to lie on the table.

A petition from the inhabitants of the town of Guildhall, was read and dismissed.

A petition from the town of Shoreham, praying a tax of twopence per acre on the lands in said town, for making and repairing roads, &c. was read, and,

Resolved, That a Committee of seven be appointed, to take said petition, and all of a like nature, under consideration, state facts and make report.—Members chosen, Messrs. Brownson, Williams, Painter, Lane, Wells, Gallup and Harvey.

A petition from the inhabitants of the town of Newbury, praying an act may be passed, enabling them to collect the assessments made by said town, while under the jurisdiction of the government of New York, for the support of their minister, being read, was, by leave of the House, withdrawn.

A petition from Elijah Parker, setting forth, that he received, as Collector, a counterfeit Paymaster's order, and praying the Treasurer may be directed to pay him a like sum, being read, was dismissed.

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A petition from the inhabitants of Starksborough, and a petition from the inhabitants of Monckton, praying a land tax for making and repairing roads, were read and referred to the Committee appointed to hear such petitions.

A petition from Danby, praying relief for the expense of supporting William and Sarah Barlow, being read was dismissed.

A petition from the town of Panton, praying a land tax for repairing roads, &c. read and referred to the Committee appointed to receive such petitions.

A petition from the people inhabiting a gore of land east of and adjoining Wallingford, praying to be released from paying town taxes in Wallingford, being read, was referred to *Mrs. Parkhurst, D. Marsh and Lomis*, to state facts and make report.

The Committee appointed to arrange the business of the present session, report,

1. That enquiry be made into the state of the treasury.
2. That provision be made for supplying the treasury.
3. That a Court of Chancery be appointed.
4. That a regular mode of electing and admitting members of Assembly, be adopted.
5. That enquiry be made, whether it be necessary to make any acts in addition to, or in explanation of any statutes, or in alteration of the present jurisprudence.

Resolved, That *Messrs. Burnham, Bradley and Paine*, be a Committee on the first article in the above arrangement, to state facts and make report.

Resolved, That a Committee of three be appointed, to draw a bill annexing the powers of a Court of Chancery to the Judges of the Supreme Court.—Members chosen, *Messrs. Israel Smith, Bradley and Knoulton*.

Resolved, That *Col. Bradley, Capt. Dewey and Col. I. Allen*, be a Committee on the fourth article in the arrangement of business.

Resolved, That the fifth article in the arrangement of business be referred to a Committee of seven.—Members chosen, *Messrs. Gideon Brownlon, Ward, Painter, I. Allen, Bradley, Weld and Harvey*.

Resolved, That *Major Elijah Paine, Major Phinehas Freeman, & Noah Smith, Esq.* be, and they hereby are, appointed a committee of Paytable, during the present session of Assembly—and the said *Paine, Freeman, and Smith*, were duly sworn accordingly.

The credentials of *Abraham Morrill, Esq. of Danville*, being read, were accepted, and he took the oaths, and subscribed the test, required by Constitution.

A petition from the town of Charlotte, praying a land tax, for making and repairing roads; and a petition of the like nature from the town of Cornwall, were read, and referred to the Committee appointed to report on such petitions.

A petition signed *Timothy Underwood*, stating that said *Underwood* hired a farm under the authority of the State, at a certain yearly rent, and that one *Clarke*, of Boston, afterwards sued and recovered of him fourteen pounds, for the improvement of the same lands; and praying the Assembly to pay him the said sum, being read and debated, was dismissed.

A petition from *Samuel Calkins and Mercy*, widow of *James Calkins*, deceased, praying for leave to sell the real estate of the heirs to the said *James Calkins*, being read and debated, the petitioners, with leave of the House, withdrew their petition.

A petition signed *Aquilla Ruffel*, Administratrix on the estate of *William Glazier*, praying an act of Assembly to enable her to convey ten acres of the said *Glazier's* farm,

farm, to Willbor Cloffon, agreeable to a bargain made by the said William Glazier, in his life time, was read and withdrawn.

Resolved, That the members from the several counties be, and they hereby are requested, to convene on Monday next in the afternoon, to nominate County Officers.

Adjourned to Monday next, at ten o'clock, forenoon.

M O N D A Y, O C T O B E R 13th, 1788.

R*ESOLVED*, That two persons be appointed Monitors, whose duty it shall be to see that the rules of the House are observed—and it shall also be the duty of the first chosen, to serve as Speaker, in the absence of the Speaker of the House—Members chosen, Stephen R. Bradley and Luke Knoulton, Esquires.

The committee appointed to report the state of the Treasury, made report : which being read,

Resolved, That a Committee of seven, to join a Committee from the Council, be chosen to take under consideration the second article in the arrangement of business, and make report.—Members chosen, Messrs. Knoulton, I. Allen, Lomis, Brownson, Cogswell, Parkhurst and Painter.

A petition from Joseph Kimball, Esq. of Plainfield, in Newhampshire, praying for a new trial in a cause against Rowland Powel, Junior, of Hartford, in the county of Windsor, being read and referred to a Committee of four, to join a Committee from the Council, to state facts and make report.—The members chosen, Messrs. Marvin, Dewey, Painter and I. Smith.

A petition signed Charles Cox, was read and dismissed.

A petition from Underhill, one from Pocock, one from Turnersburgh, and one from Andover, praying a tax on the lands in their respective towns, for repairing roads, bridges, &c, were read and referred to the Committee appointed to take petitions of a similar nature under their consideration.

A petition from Leicester, praying a land tax for repairing roads, building bridges, &c. was read and referred to a Committee of three, to state facts and make report.—Members chosen, Messrs. I. Allen, Parkhurst and Cook.

A petition from Turnersburgh, praying that the name of said town may be altered to that of Brookline, was read and the prayer thereof granted, with liberty for the petitioners to bring in a bill accordingly.

A petition from Tunbridge, praying that the land in said town might be taxed for the purpose of clearing school lands, was read and withdrawn.

A petition from Milton, praying that part of the two penny tax laid on said town may be relinquished, and that an addition be made to the Committee appointed to apply the money, was read and so far granted, that two persons be added to the said Committee, and the petitioners have leave to bring in a bill accordingly.

The Committee to whom was referred the consideration of the petition from the people living in Wallingford Gore, brought in their report, which being read was accepted, and leave given for a bill accordingly.

Adjourned until two o'clock afternoon.

Two o'clock, P. M. October 13th, 1788.

A petition from Edward Aikin, praying to be compensated for a ten pound certificate, returned as counterfeit after being received as a good bill for granting fees, was read and ordered to lie on the table.

His Excellency the Governor and Council, having joined the House of Assembly in Grand Committee—His Excellency the Governor in the chair, Rolwell Hopkins, Esq. Clerk,

Ordered, That to-morrow morning at nine o'clock, be the time assigned for choosing Judges of the Supreme Court, and receiving the nomination for county officers.

Then the Grand Committee adjourned to nine o'clock to-morrow morning, and the House proceeded to business.

A petition from Charles Bullis, stating, that he purchased land of Jeremiah French, of Manchester, for which he gave said French his promissory note, which was collected and paid into the State treasury, and that his title to said land is not good, therefore praying for a confirmation; being read, was referred to a Committee of three, to state facts and make report.—The members chosen, Messrs. Parkhurst, Williams and Freeman.

Adjourned until eight o'clock to-morrow morning.

T U E S D A Y, OCTOBER 14th, 1788.

TH E credentials of William Chamberlin, Esq. from Peacham, being read, were accepted, and he having taken the oaths, and subscribed the test by Constitution required,

Resolved, That he have leave to take a seat in this House.

A bill for dividing the county of Rutland into two probate districts, being read, was accepted, and sent to the Governor and Council for revision, concurrence, or proposals of amendment.

A petition from Salisbury, for a land tax, for making roads, &c. read, and referred to the Committee appointed for hearing like petitions.

A bill for granting a tax of twopence per acre on the lands in the township of Fairhaven, for making and repairing roads, bridges, &c. being read, was ordered to lie on the table.

A petition from Jerico, for a land tax for repairing roads, &c. read, and referred to the Committee appointed for the purpose of considering such petitions.

A petition from the Trustees of Windsor County Grammar School, praying for a Lottery to raise a sum sufficient to defray the expense of finishing a new Schoolhouse in Norwich, was read, and the prayer thereof granted, with leave to bring in a bill accordingly.

Colonel Matthew Lyon, of Fairhaven, moved for leave to bring in a bill, granting him liberty to make a Lottery to enable him to erect a furnace, which was granted, and the bill being read, was accepted, and sent to the Governor and Council for their revision, concurrence, or proposals of amendment.

A petition from Williston, for a land tax, for making roads, &c. read, and referred to the Committee appointed for hearing such petitions.

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A petition from the Selectmen of Williston, stating, that from running the line between Williston and Hinsburgh, a part of the grand list of said town is taken off, and praying that such part of their tax be abated as shall be made on the list of the estates that, by said line, fall within Hinsburgh, being read and debated, was dismissed.

A petition from a part of the inhabitants of Rutland, praying for a parish by the name of *Orange Parish*, was read and ordered to lie on the table.

A bill for dividing the county of Rutland into two probate districts, and altering the probate districts in the county of Orange, and for forming the county of Chittenden into one probate district; was read, accepted, and sent to the Governor and Council for revision and concurrence, or proposals of amendment.

The Grand Committee met according to adjournment, and proceeded agreeably to the order of the day, to the choice of Judges of the Supreme Court—The ballots being taken, it appeared that the Honorable MOSES ROBINSON, Esq. was elected Chief Judge, and the Honorable PAUL SPOONER and STEPHEN ROWE BRADLEY, Esqrs. were elected Side or Assistant Judges; and their election was by the Sheriff, by order of the Committee, declared accordingly.

COUNTY OF BENNINGTON.

The nomination for county officers then being read, for the county of Bennington, the following persons were elected to the offices herein after mentioned, viz.

The Honorable SAMUEL SAFFORD, Esq. Chief Judge of the County Court.

The Honorable GIDEON OLIN and GIDEON BROWNSON, Esqrs. Side Judges.

DAVID ROBINSON, Esq. High-Sheriff.

PROBATE JUDGES.

For the District of Bennington, NATHANIEL BRUSH, Esq.

For the District of Manchester, MARTIN POWEL, Esq.

JUSTICES of the PEACE for said COUNTY.

Oliver Smith, Thomas Jewett, Eli Noble, Nathaniel Brush, Jonas Galusha, Amos Huntington, Nathan Canfield, Luther Stone, Reuben Thomas, Abner Hurd, Jacob Sherwin, Enoch Woodbridge, Martin Powel, Timothy Pearl, Benjamin Baldwin, John Shumway, Israel Smith and David Sheldon, Esquires.

WINDHAM COUNTY.

The nomination of county officers for the county of Windham, being read, the following persons were elected to the offices to their respective names annexed.

The Honorable LUKE KNOULTON, Esq. Chief Judge of the County Court.

The Honorable JOHN BRIDGMAN and BENJAMIN BURT, Esqrs. Side Judges.

SAMUEL FLETCHER, Esq. High-Sheriff.

MICAH TOWNSEND, Esq. Judge of Probate for the District of Marlborough.

NOAH SABIN, Esq. Judge of Probate for the District of Westminster.

JUSTICES

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JUSTICES of the PEACE for said COUNTY.

Arad Hunt, William Bigelow, William Smally, Hubbel Wells, Benjamin Henry, James Robarts, Jesse Cook, Benjamin Olds, Phinehas Freeman, Samuel Warriner, Samuel Knight, Alexander Kathan, Jason Dunkin, Joshua Wood, Joseph Tyler, Noah Sabin, junior, Lucas Wilson, John Norton, John Sessions, Elijah Ranny, James Shafter, Afa Wheelock, Edward Aikin, Charles Perkins, John Lovel, Jehiel Webb, Elias Olcott and Silas Howard, Esquires.

WINDSOR COUNTY.

Windsor county nomination, read and referred back to the county members.

RUTLAND COUNTY.

The nomination for Rutland county officers being read, the following persons were elected to the offices to their respective names annexed.

The Honorable SAMUEL MATTUCKS, Esq. Chief Judge of the County Court.

The Honorable EBENEZER MARVIN and LEMUEL CHIPMAN, Esqrs. Side Judges.

JONATHAN BELL, Esq. High-Sheriff.

ELISHA CLARK, Esq. Judge of Probate for the District of Rutland.

WILLIAM WARD, Esq. Judge of Probate for the District of Fairhaven.

JUSTICES of the PEACE for said COUNTY.

Gidon Adams, Thomas Lathrop, William Ward, Thomas Ashley, Eli Cogswell, Brewster Higley, Silas Safford, Simeon Smith, Asahel Smith, Ebenezer Wilson, William Smith, Nathan Rumsey, John Mott, Hiram Horton, Ebenezer Drury, James Ewens, Samuel Williams, Benjamin Whipple, Increase Moseley, Elihu Smith, Abel Cooper, Ezra Crary, Ichabod Robinson, Abraham Jackson, Joseph Randall, Daniel Sherman, Peter Lewis, John Stafford, Obediah Noble, Samuel Mattucks, John Burnham, Edmund Bigelow and George Sherman, Esquires.

ORANGE COUNTY.

The nomination for county officers in the county of Orange—The following persons were elected to the offices to their respective names annexed.

The Honorable JACOB BAYLEY, Esq. Chief Judge of the County Court.

The Honorable ISRAEL SMITH and ALEXANDER HARVEY, Esqrs. Side Judges.

JOHN G. BAYLEY, Esq. High-Sheriff.

TIMOTHY BARTHOLOMEW, Esq. Judge of Probate for the District of Thetford.

JACOB KENT, Esq. Judge of Probate for the District of Newbury.

JUSTICES of the PEACE for said COUNTY.

Beriah Lomis, Timothy Bartholomew, Seth Austin, Afa Edgerton, Israel Converse, Timothy Cows, Thomas Porter, Israel Morey, Bildad Andrus, Ashur Chamberlin, Samuel

Samuel Hazleton, Cornelius Lynde, Thomas Johnson, Jacob Kent, Josiah Page, Walter Brock, William Chamberlin, Abraham Morrill, Jonathan Arnold, Samuel Howe, Ward Bayley and Joseph Wait, Esquires.

A D D I S O N C O U N T Y.

The nomination for county officers in the county of Addison, being read, the Grand Committee proceeded to elect the following persons to the several offices to their names respectively annexed.

The Honorable JOHN STRONG, Esq. Chief Judge of the County Court.

The Honorable GAMALIEL PAINTER and HILAND HALL, Esqrs. Side Judges.

SAMUEL STRONG, Esq. High-Sheriff.

JOHN STRONG, Esq. Judge of Probate for the District of Addison.

J U S T I C E S of the P E A C E for said C O U N T Y.

Zadock Everist, Peter Ferris, Abel Thomson, Samuel Barnum, Roswell Hopkins, William Brush, Elijah Foot, Eleazer Claghorn, Thomas Sawyer, Samuel Benton, Ebenezer Turrell, Nathan Manley, Samuel Beach, Daniel King, Aaron Parmele and John Chipman, Esquires.

C H I T T E N D E N C O U N T Y.

The nomination for county officers for the county of Chittenden being read, the Grand Committee proceeded to elect the following persons to the offices, in said county, to their respective names annexed.

The Honorable JOHN FASSET, Esq. Chief Judge of the County Court.

The Honorable JOHN WHITE and SAMUEL LANE, Esqrs. Side Judges.

NOAH CHITTENDEN, Esq. High-Sheriff.

J U S T I C E S of the P E A C E for said C O U N T Y.

Daniel Horsford, Caleb Smith, John Knickerbaccor, Amos Brownson, Elisha Barber, Timothy Bliss, Joel Woodworth, James Farnsworth, Ebenezer Allen, Alexander Gordon, Amos Fasset, Thomas Butterfield, Thomas P. Loyd, Aaron Matthews, James Everts, Jonathan Hoit and Thomas Russell, Esquires.

The Grand Committee then adjourned until Thursday next at nine o'clock.

Mr. Austin moved for leave to bring in a bill for regulating fares, in those towns that are entitled to them by charter; which was not granted.

Mr. Paine moved for leave to bring in a bill, entitled, An act, to repeal an act, entitled, "An act for the purpose of completing the transfer of the treasury;" which was granted.

Adjourned until two o'clock afternoon.

Two o'clock, P. M. October 14th, 1788.

A petition from a number of the inhabitants of Chester, setting forth, that the proprietors of Cavendish have brought actions of ejectment against sundry Chester inhabitants

inhabitants living on lands near the line of said town, and praying the Assembly to pass an act prohibiting the plaintiffs in said actions, to prosecute their suits, and confirming the reputed lines of said town; was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Pond moved for leave of absence for the remaining part of the session; which was granted.

The credentials of Samuel Beach, Esq. from Whiting, was read and accepted, and he having taken the oaths, and subscribed the test required by the constitution,

Resolved, That he have leave to take a seat in this House.

A bill, entitled, An act, for repealing an act, entitled, "An act for completing the transfer of the treasury," brought in by Mr. Paine, was read, accepted, and sent to the Governor and Council for their revision and concurrence, or proposals of amendment.

A petition signed by Capt. John Grant, stating, that he lost the money for his company's pay, in the year 1777, by having his house plundered by the enemy, and praying a compensation; was read and referred to a Committee of three, to join a Committee from the Council, to state facts and make report.—The members chosen, Col. Bradley, Maj. Freeman and Col. Allen.

A petition from part of the inhabitants of the town of Athens, praying for a parish to be set off at the south end of said town; was read and referred to a Committee of three, to state facts and make report.—The members chosen, Messrs. Bradley, Knoulton and Dewey.

A petition from Danville, praying for a land tax for making roads, &c. was read and referred to the Committee appointed to hear such petitions.

A petition from the Trustees of Clio Hall, praying for university powers, and the disposal and appropriation of the college lands in this State; was read and ordered to lie on the table.

A petition from Azel Spaulding, Constable of Sharon, stating that the Listers for said town of Sharon, for the year 1787, made a return of the sum total of said list; ninety five pounds too high, and that he was subjected thereby to pay forty seven shillings and sixpence in the State Tax, and eleven shillings and tenpence halfpenny in the County Tax, more than he was enabled to collect; and praying for an abatement of the same; being read, the prayer thereof was granted, with leave to bring in a bill accordingly.

A petition from Chittenden and Philadelphia, praying the establishment of town lines, was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The Committee on the petition from Panton, reported, "That the prayer of the petition ought not to be granted;" which being read, was accepted, and the petition dismissed.

The Committee to whom was referred the petition from Andover, praying a land tax, &c. report, "That the prayer thereof ought not to be granted;" which being read, was accepted, and the petition dismissed.

The Committee to whom were referred the petitions from Underhill and Pocock, report, "That the prayer thereof ought to be granted;" which was read, and accepted, with leave to the petitioners to bring in a bill accordingly.

A petition from the proprietors of Cavendish, was read and dismissed.

The petition from a part of Rutland and Pittsford, was again read and referred to a Committee of five, to state facts and make report.—Members chosen, Mr. J. Throop, Mr. J. Safford, Mr. Hawkins, Mr. Weld and Mr. Harvey.

The Committee to whom was referred the petitions from Shoreham, Jerico, Wiliston and Salisbury, report, "That the prayers in said petitions ought to be granted;" which being read was accepted, and leave given for the respective petitioners to bring in bills accordingly.

The Committee to whom was referred the petition from Charlotte, report, "That the prayer of said petition ought to be so far granted, as to grant a tax of one penny on each acre of land in said town, for the purposes in said petition proposed;" which report was read, accepted, and leave given for the petitioners to bring in a bill accordingly.

Adjourned until eight o'clock to-morrow morning.

W E D N E S D A Y, O C T O B E R 15th, 1788.

R E S O L V E D, That the last Thursday of November next, be observed as a day of Public Thanksgiving through this State; and that the Governor and Council be requested to issue a Proclamation accordingly.

A petition from the town of Leicester, and one from the town of Whiting, in the county of Addison, praying to be annexed to the county of Rutland; were read and ordered to lie on the table.

A petition from Cambridge, praying the enlargement of Addison county—one from Ferrisburgh to the same purpose, pointing out and recommending Onion-River as the division line between the counties of Addison and Chittenden.—Petitions from Starksborough, Panton, Newhaven, Fairfax, Georgia, Monckton and Bridport, to the same purpose—and the petitions and remonstrances of part of the inhabitants of Shoreham, Panton, Pocock, Newhaven, Salisbury, Weybridge, Middlebury, Bridport and Cornwall, against altering the lines of said counties; being read,

On motion of Col. Lyon,

Resolved, That the same be referred to a Committee of two persons from each of the three eastern counties, to state facts and make report.—The members chosen, from Windham county, Stephen R. Bradley and Jesse Cook, Esquires; from Windsor county, Stephen Jacob, Esq. and Major Calvin Parkhurst; from Orange county, Major Elijah Paine and Colonel John Barron.

A petition from Mary Campbell, praying for an act of legislation, directing the heirship of the estate of Robert Castello, deceased, a child of her's born out of wedlock; being read,

Resolved, To refer the consideration thereof, to a Committee of three, to state facts and make report.—The members chosen, Messrs. Williams, Dewey and Benton.

The Committee to whom was referred the petition of Cornwall, reported, "That the prayer of said petition ought to be granted;" which being read was not accepted; and,

Resolved, That the petitioners have leave to withdraw their petition.

A petition from Isaac Osborn, praying for compensation for two cows and fourteen sheep, alledged to have been taken from him by a company of state troops, in the year of our Lord 1777, under the command of Capt. Ebenezer Allen—read, debated, and dismissed.

A bill

A bill enabling Col. Matthew Lyon to make a lottery, containing one thousand and fifty tickets, at twenty shillings each, &c. returned from the Council concurred, was read for the last time, and passed into an act of Legislature.

A bill, entitled, An act granting a tax of twopence on each acre of land in Fairhaven, public lands excepted, to be appropriated for making and repairing roads, &c. read, accepted, and sent to the Governor and Council for revision and concurrence, or proposals of amendment.

The Committee to whom was referred the consideration of Captain Grant's petition, reported, "That the prayer thereof ought not to be granted;" which being read and debated, was accepted, with leave for Captain Grant to withdraw his petition.

The Committee to whom was referred the petitions of Starksborough, Salisbury and Monckton, praying for land taxes, &c. reported, "That in their opinion the prayers of said petitions ought to be granted;" which being read was accepted, and,

Resolved, That the petitioners have leave to bring in bills accordingly.

A bill, entitled, "An act for dividing the county of Rutland into two probate districts, altering the probate districts in the county of Orange, and making the county of Chittenden into a probate district," returned from the Council concurred, was read the last time and passed into a law of this State.

Adjourned until two o'clock afternoon.

Two o'clock P. M. October 15th, 1788.

A petition from the proprietors of Pittsfield and Hancock, being read, was referred to a Committee of three, to join a Committee from Council, to state facts and make report.—Members chosen, Col. I. Allen, Asahel Smith, Esq. and Col. Lyon.

The Committee to whom was referred the consideration of the petition from the north part of Rutland and a part of Pittsford, reported—"That in their opinion the prayer thereof ought not to be granted;" which being read was accepted, and the petition dismissed.

On motion of Colonel Bradley,

Resolved, To appoint a Committee of seven, to join a Committee from the Council, to take under consideration the Act directing Listers in their office and duty.—The members chosen, Messrs. Dewey, Williams, Painter, Allen, Knoulton, Parkhurst and Johnson.

The Committee to whom was referred the consideration of the petition from Mary Campbell, made report—"That in their opinion, the prayer thereof ought to be granted;" which being read was accepted; and,

Resolved, That she have leave to bring in a bill accordingly.

The Committee to whom was referred the consideration of the petition from a part of the inhabitants of Athens, praying for a parish, &c. made report—"That the prayer thereof ought to be granted;" which was read and accepted, with leave that a bill be brought in accordingly.

The resolution on the report of the Committee on Cornwall petition, was reconsidered; and,

Resolved, To accept the said report, with leave for the petitioners to bring in a bill in form.

A bill,

A bill, entitled, "An act dividing the town of Wardsborough into two distinct districts;" was read, accepted, and sent to the Governor and Council for their revision and concurrence, or proposals of amendment.

A petition from Shelburn, praying a tax of one penny on each acre of land in said town, public lands excepted, for the purpose of building a bridge over the river La Plot, on the Oaion-River road; was read and the prayer thereof granted, with leave that a bill be brought in accordingly.

A petition from the counties of Windsor and Rutland, praying liberty to make a lottery; being read and debated,

Resolved, That the petitioners have leave to withdraw their petition.

A petition signed Ebenezer Craft, praying a tax on Minden and other towns; also two other petitions, praying for a tax on the lands in Hardwick, Dewey's Gore, Cabot and Greensborough, for making and repairing roads, &c. read and referred to Mr. Morey, Mr. Harvey and Mr. Chamberlin, to state facts and make report.

A bill, entitled, "An act to enable Mary Campbell, of Cornwall, in the county of Addison, to take possession of, and become heir to all the estate real and personal, of Robert Castello, late of Rutland, deceased," was brought in agreeable to order, read, accepted, and sent to the Governor and Council for revision and concurrence, or proposals of amendment.

The Committee to whom was referred the petition from Leicester, brought in their report—"That the prayer thereof ought to be so far granted, as that a tax be laid of one penny on each acre of land in said town;" which being read was accepted, and leave given for a bill to be brought in accordingly.

A petition from Samuel Pennock, of Strafford, praying that the Court of Confiscation may be directed to return sundry obligations, &c. which they had taken from him—read and referred to Mr. G. Brownson, Mr. Austin and Mr. Hazen, to join a Committee from the Council, to state facts and make report.

A petition from Colonel Lyon, praying for the exclusive right of sitting nail-rods, within certain limits, for the term of eighteen years; was read and referred to a Committee of five, to join a Committee from Council, to state facts and make report.—Members chosen, Messrs. Morey, Hazen, I. Smith, C. Smith and Hubbard.

A bill, entitled, "An act granting a tax of twopence per acre, on all the lands in Fairhaven, for making and repairing roads and bridges in said town," was returned concurred, read and passed into a law.

The petition from the Baptist society in Chester, which was referred from the last session of Assembly, was read and debated, and referred to the next session of Assembly.

A petition from Chester, was read, praying an establishment of town lines, and the consideration thereof referred until to-morrow morning.

Adjourned until nine o'clock to-morrow morning.

T H U R S D A Y, O C T O B E R 16th, 1788.

TH E credentials of Col. Ebenezer Allen, from the Two-Heroes, being read, and he having taken the oaths, and signed the test by constitution required,

Resolved, That he have leave to take a seat in this House.

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The Committee to whom was referred the petitions from sundry inhabitants of Addison and Chittenden counties, concerning the boundaries of Addison county, &c. report—"That the lines of Addison county be extended to Onion River, and along the deepest channel of said river from Lake Champlain, to the line of Orange county; and that the towns of Leicester and Whiting, be annexed to the county of Rutland;" which being read and largely debated, the yeas and nays were required, whether said report should be accepted, and stand as follow:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. Dewey,	Mr. Roberts,	Mr. Jewett,	Mr. J. Throop,
Mr. I. Smith,	Mr. Stickney,	Mr. Lupper,	Mr. Safford,
Mr. Chipman,	Mr. Carpenter,	Mr. Barney,	Mr. Gallup,
Mr. Lewis,	Mr. Bisbee,	Mr. Hurd,	Mr. Hawkins,
Mr. Marvin,	Mr. Hubbard,	Mr. Dunton,	Mr. Foster,
Mr. Hopkins,	Mr. Hazen,	Mr. G. Brownson,	Mr. Morey,
Mr. Williams,	Mr. Heald,	Mr. Lyon,	Mr. Austin,
Mr. Robinson,	Mr. Parkhurst,	Mr. Merriman,	Mr. Morrill,
Mr. Daniels,	Mr. Rogers,	Mr. Burnham,	Mr. Stone,
Mr. S. Smith,	Mr. N. Throop,	Mr. Randall,	Mr. Everitt,
Mr. Sargeants,	Mr. Emerson,	Mr. A. Smith,	Mr. Benton,
Mr. D. Jewett,	Mr. Jacob,	Mr. W. Smith,	Mr. Hurd,
Mr. Bradley,	Mr. Paine,	Mr. Cogswell,	Mr. Painter,
Mr. Holton,	Mr. Barron,	Mr. Ward,	Mr. C. Smith,
Mr. Wells,	Mr. Edgerton,	Mr. Knoulton,	Mr. Everts,
Mr. Cook,	Mr. Lomis,	Mr. Aikin,	Mr. Bliss,
Mr. Pennock,	Mr. Chamberlin,	Mr. Bullen,	Mr. Chapin,
Mr. Thomson,	Mr. Brush,	Mr. Wood,	Mr. I. Allen,
Mr. Barnam,	Mr. Spencer,	Mr. Burton,	Mr. Brownson,
Mr. Beach,	Mr. M'Neil,	Mr. Weld,	Mr. Matthews,
Mr. Safford,		Mr. Lane,	Mr. Coit.
		Mr. E. Allen,	

So it passed in the negative: and,

Resolved, That the said petition be dismissed.

The credentials of Mr. Amasa Grout, being read, and he having taken the oaths, and subscribed the religious test, required by the constitution,

Resolved, That he have liberty to take a seat in this House.

On motion of Mr. Jewett,

Resolved, That he have leave of absence for two days.

Adjourned until two o'clock afternoon.

Two o'clock P. M. October 16th, 1788.

A bill, entitled, An act to operate as a proviso to an act, entitled, "An act regulating Attornies at the bar;" was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion of Noah Smith, Esq. State's Attorney for the county of Bennington—an information from said Attorney, against Joshua Tracy, Esq. for defaming the House of Assembly; was read, and,

Resolved, That the High-Sheriff of the county of Bennington, by himself or Deputy, be, and he hereby is directed, to take the said Joshua Tracy, Esq. into custody,

custody, and him forthwith have before this House to answer to the said information of the said State's Attorney, and dealt with as to law and justice appertains.

On motion of Doctor Marvin, the Committee to whom was referred the petition of Joseph Kimball, Esq. for a new trial in his action, vs. Rowland Powel, jun. were dismissed, and the papers returned.

The Committee for receiving the grand list, report—"That the towns of Fairhaven, Williston, Two-Heroes, Fairlee, Ryegate, Norwich, Braintree, &c. have made no return of unimproved lands, and request the House to proceed in dooming said towns;" which being read, was accepted.

Joshua Tracy, Esq. being brought to the bar of the House, and the information of Noah Smith, Esq. State's Attorney, being read,

On motion of Col. Bradley,

Resolved, That the Sheriff be, and he hereby is directed to carry Joshua Tracy, Esq. forthwith before some proper magistrate; and that Mr. Attorney be requested to attend and see that he be proceeded against according to law.

A petition from Daniel Foot, setting forth, that he has built a bridge over Otter-Creek, on the road from Cornwall to Middlebury, and praying for a compensation; read, and,

Resolved, To refer the consideration thereof to a Committee of three, to state facts and make report.—Members chosen, General Morey, Capt. Sawyer and Maj. Parkhurst.

The Committee to whom was referred the petition of Asa Whitcomb and associates, praying for a grant of lands, report—"That the prayer of said petition ought not to be granted;" which being read was accepted, and said petition dismissed.

The Committee to whom was referred the petition of Charles Bullis, setting forth, that said Bullis bought lands of one French, for which he gave his notes of hand, which were afterward seized and confiscated to the use of the State—and that the title given by said French, proved incomplete, and praying a compensation, report—"That the facts set up in said petition are true, and submit to the House whether they ought to grant a compensation;" which being read and debated,

Resolved, That the prayer of said petition be not granted.

The bill, entitled, "An act to operate as a proviso to an act, entitled, An act regulating Attornies, &c." again read; accepted, and sent to the Governor and Council, for their revisal and concurrence, or proposals of amendment.

A petition from the Judges of the County Court in the county of Orange, praying that Jedediah Parker Buckingham, be admitted as an Attorney at law, in this State; was read, and the prayer thereof granted, with leave to bring in a bill in form.

On motion of Major Parkhurst,

Resolved, That to-morrow morning, at the opening of the House, be assigned for hearing the petition of Joseph Kimball, Esq. for a new trial in his action, vs. Rowland Powel, jun.

The two Houses of Legislature met in Committee according to adjournment.

Mr. Elijah Paine was nominated and appointed Judge of Probate for the District of Randolph.

Samuel Bliss and Eber Gilbert, Esquires, nominated and appointed Justices of the Peace for the county of Orange.

Windsor county nomination being read, the following persons were elected to the offices to their respective names annexed.

The Honorable JOSEPH MARSH, Esq. Chief Judge of the County Court.
 The Honorable ELIAS WELD and ELIJAH ROBINSON, Esqrs. Side Judges.
 PAUL BRIGHAM, Esq. High-Sheriff.
 ELIJAH ROBINSON, Esq. Judge of Probate for the District of Windsor.
 JOHN THROOP, Esq. Judge of Probate for the District of Hartford.

JUSTICES of the PEACE for said COUNTY.

Elisha Burton, Joel Marsh, Comfort Sever, Abel Stevens, Michael Flinn, Enoch Emmerson, Joshua Hazen, John Marsh, John Throop, John Winchester Dana, Beriah Green, Joseph Foster, Asa Whitcomb, Oliver Gallup, Benjamin Emmons, Jabez Cottle, John Hawkins, Stephen Jacob, Thomas Cooper, John Weld, Elijah Robinson, Joseph Hubbard, Waters Chilson, Salmon Dutton, Asaph Fletcher, Samuel Cobb, Simon Stevens, Daniel Heald, Thomas Chandler, Samuel Brown and Moses Warner, Esquires.

WILLIAM WARD, Esq. nominated and appointed Judge of Probate for the district of Fairhaven.

The Committee then adjourned until nine o'clock to-morrow morning.

House of Assembly adjourned to eight o'clock to-morrow morning.

F R I D A Y, O C T O B E R 17th, 1788.

R E S O L V E D, That a Committee, to consist of one member from each county, be appointed to assess granting fees on such lands as have been granted, and the fees remain unaffected.—Members chosen, Capt. Dewey, Col. Lyon, Judge Thomson, Col. I. Allen, Col. Bradley, Maj. Parkhurst, and Esq. Lomis.

A petition, setting forth, that Messrs. Utley and Keyes, together with Timothy Lovel, were appointed to appropriate a land tax, granted on the towns of Brumley and Landgrove, &c. and that by a misrepresentation, the said Utley and Keyes, were superseded at the session of the Legislature, at Newbury, in October last; and praying that the said Utley and Keyes may be reappointed to said business, that they may be enabled to complete the contracts by them began, under their said former appointment; being read,

Resolved, That the same be referred to a Committee of three, to state facts and make report.—The members chosen, Messrs. Marvin, Dewey and Paine.

The Grand Committee of both Houses met according to adjournment.

The Honorable SAMUEL MATTUCKS, Esq. being nominated as Chief Judge of the County Court for the county of Rutland, in the room of the Honorable THOMAS PORTER, Esq. resigned, was appointed.

David Hecock, Esq. of Hubbardton, being nominated, was appointed Justice of the Peace for the county of Rutland.

Capt. John M'Neil was nominated and appointed Judge of Probate for the District of Chittenden.

Capt. Elias Olcott, of Rockingham, was nominated and appointed a Justice of the Peace for the county of Windham.

The Committee then adjourned without day.

The House of Assembly then resumed their business.

A bill,

A bill, entitled, "An act to dispense with an act, entitled, An act for regulating Attornies at the bar, so far as to admit Jedediah Parker Buckingham as a practising Attorney in the county of Orange;" was read, accepted, and,

Ordered, That the same be sent to the Governor and Council for their revision and concurrence, or proposals of amendment.

On motion of Mr. Chipman,

Resolved, That the Sheriff be, and he hereby is directed, to dismiss Joshua Tracy, Esq. from custody, he having made satisfaction to the House for his insult against them.

A bill, entitled, "An act to operate as a proviso to an act, entitled, An act regulating Attornies at the bar," &c. returned from the Governor and Council concurred, was read the last time, and passed into an act.

Resolved, That the Committee for receiving the grand list, be requested to return to a second consideration of the business of their appointment; and that they be, and hereby are directed, to do so such towns as have neglected to make return of their unimproved land, or other rateable estate, where it shall appear to the satisfaction of the Committee, that the unimproved lands so omitted, are worth more than six shillings per acre.

Resolved, That a Committee consisting of two members from each county, to join a Committee from the Council, be appointed to devise some means for settling disputes concerning town lines, and make report.—Members chosen, Mr. Canfield, Mr. I. Smith, Mr. Burnham, Mr. Williams, Mr. Thomson, Mr. Painter, Mr. M'Neil, Mr. I. Allen, Mr. Knoulton, Mr. Freeman, Mr. Joel Marsh, Mr. Heald, Mr. Harvey and Mr. Lomis; and that all petitions for that purpose be referred to said Committee.

The report of the Committee on the petition of John Duncan, referred from last session—"That the facts set up in said petition are true, and that the prayer thereof ought to be granted;" was read, and,

Resolved, That said petition be re-committed to Doctor Wood, Col. Safford and Deacon Aikin.

A bill, entitled, "An act for granting a tax on each acre of land in the town of Charlotte—read, accepted, and ordered to be sent to the Governor and Council for revision and concurrence, or proposals of amendment.

The Committee to whom was referred the consideration of the petition from Messrs. Utley and Keyes, report—"That the facts set up in said petition are true, and that the prayer thereof ought to be granted;" which being read, was accepted; and,

Ordered, That a bill be brought in accordingly.

A petition from the Treasurer of the county of Windsor, praying a tax of one penny on the pound, on the list of said county, to discharge debts already due from said county; being read, was ordered to lie on the table until the return of the grand list was completed.

A petition signed Stephen Pearl, Ebenezer Allen, &c. praying that the township of the Two-Heroes be divided into two towns, by the names of *North-Hero* and *South-Hero*; being read,

Resolved, That the same be referred to a Committee of three, to state facts and make report.—Members chosen, Col. Lyon, Judge Lane and Squire Everist.

A petition from those inhabitants of Woodstock, who purchased lands under this State, in said town, which are claimed by Charles Ward Apthorp, Esq. and a petition from Jonathan Holton and others, who purchased lands in the town of Rockingham, from one of the Commissioners of sale, and who are now ejected from their lands by Timothy Lovel; were read, and,

Resolved, That the consideration thereof be referred to a Committee of seven, to join a Committee from Council, to state facts and make report.—Members, Messrs. G. Brownson, A. Smith, Barnam, E. Allen, Roberts, Heald and Paine.

A petition from Daniel King, Esq. and associates, praying for a grant of a gore of land near Kingston—read, and,

Resolved, That the consideration thereof be referred until the next session of the Legislature.

A bill, entitled, "An act to dispense with an act, entitled, An act regulating Attornies at the bar, in a certain degree," returned from the Governor and Council concurred, was read and passed into a law of this State.

A petition from Samuel Beach and others, praying for a tax on the lands in Sudbury, for the purpose of making roads, &c. was read and dismissed.

On the petition of Joseph Kimball, Esq. for a new trial in his action vs. Rowland Powel, junior, the parties, with leave of the House, nominated Col. Johnson, Col. I. Allen, Judge Harvey, Maj. Parkhurst and 'Squire Lomis, as a Committee, to join a Committee from the Council, and agree to be concluded by their report; which persons were appointed accordingly.

Adjourned until two o'clock afternoon.

Two o'clock P. M. October 17th, 1788.

A petition signed John Fasset, praying for a tax on the lands in Cambridge, for the purpose of making roads, &c. read and the prayer thereof granted, with leave that a bill be brought in accordingly.

A petition from Lemington, praying a tax on the lands in said town, for making roads, &c. read and the prayer thereof granted, with leave for the petitioners to bring in a bill accordingly.

A petition signed Christopher Roberts and others, stating, that Col. Gideon Brownson, the commanding officer of the sixth regiment of militia, the Captain-General, and Brigadier-General Walbridge, had been guilty of a breach of duty, &c. being read,

Resolved, That Col. Gideon Brownson be requested to wait on the House.

A petition from Abigail Baldwin, in behalf of David French, stating, that he is deaf and dumb; and praying that he may be on that account, exempted from taxation; being read and debated, was dismissed.

The petition from Christopher Roberts, &c. again read, Col. Brownson being present; and after being largely debated,

Resolved, That the same be dismissed.

A petition from Thaddeus Munson, complaining that Col. Gideon Brownson had dismissed him from being his Adjutant, &c. being read and largely debated,

Resolved, That this House take no farther order thereon; and by leave of the House the petition was withdrawn.

A petition

A petition from William Gallup, stating, that sundry persons in Hartland are ejected from lands sold by him as Commissioner for the sale of confiscated estates, and praying that he may be indemnified ; was read and referred to the Committee on the petitions from Woodstock and Rockingham.

The Committee to whom was referred the 5th article in the arrangement of business, report—" That there be an act passed regulating offsets—an act for preventing the killing of Deer at certain seasons of the year—an act against breaches of the peace—an act directing the mode of process against Sheriff's bondsmen on his failure—an act in addition to the fee bill—an act directing the mode of trial, where actions are brought for the recovery of absentees estates—an act in addition to the militia act—and an act in explanation of the common law ;" which being read,

Resolved, That the same be accepted, and that a Committee of three be chosen to prepare bills in form, on the six first acts recommended in said report—Members chosen, Messrs. Marvin, Burnham and Bradley—and that a Committee of three be appointed to prepare a bill in addition to the militia act—Members chosen, Col. G. Brownson, Col. Safford and Col. Austin.

Resolved, That no farther order be taken on the last clause in said report, recommending an act in explanation of the common law.

Adjourned until eight o'clock to-morrow morning.

S A T U R D A Y, O C T O B E R 18th, 1788.

TH E Committee to whom was referred the consideration of the petition of John Duncan, report—" That the facts stated in said petition are true, and that the prayer thereof ought to be granted ;" which being read, was so far accepted, as that he have pay for seventy bushels of wheat, and the interest, from the time he furnished the Commissary therewith.

A petition signed Benjamin Davis and Ebenezer Strong, praying the Legislature to protract the time for the payment of granting-fees for part of three townships east of Lake Mumphremagog, upon their paying into the Treasury, at this time, the sum of £.400 ; being read,

Resolved, That the prayer thereof be so far granted, that on their paying the said sum into the Treasury, at this time, they be allowed three months for completing the payment of the granting-fees on two towns, and one year from this time for the remainder.

A bill, entitled, " An act for granting a tax of one penny on each acre of land in the township of Shelburn, for the purposes therein mentioned,"—read and accepted, and,

Ordered, That the same be sent to the Governor and Council for revision and concurrence, or proposals of amendment.

A bill, entitled, " An act for granting a tax of one penny on each acre of land in the town of Cornwall, for the purpose of making and repairing roads," &c. was read and accepted, and,

Ordered, That the same be sent to the Governor and Council for revision and concurrence, or proposals of amendment.

A bill, entitled, " An act for the purpose of granting a tax of twopence on each acre of land in the town of Shoreham, for making and repairing roads and bridges," &c. was read and accepted ; and, *Ordered*,

Ordered, That the same be sent to the Governor and Council, for their revision and concurrence, or proposals of amendment.

A bill, entitled, "An act, in addition to an act, entitled, An act granting two pence on each acre of land in the town of Hubbardton," was read and accepted; and,

Ordered, That the same be sent to the Governor and Council for their revision and concurrence, or proposals of amendment.

A bill, entitled, "An act for erecting the south part of the town of Athens, in the county of Windham, into a parish, by the name of the *South Parish of Athens* ; was read, accepted; and,

Ordered, That the same be sent to the Governor and Council for revision and concurrence, or proposals of amendment.

A bill, entitled, "An act directing the first Constable in the town of Peacham, to collect and pay into the Treasury, the tax of ten shillings on each hundred acres of land in said township, heretofore granted," was read, accepted, and,

Ordered, That the same be sent to the Governor and Council, for their revision and concurrence, or proposals of amendment.

The Committee to whom was referred the petition of Col. Matthew Lyon, praying the exclusive right of flitting iron into nailrods, on the west side of the Green Mountains, for the term of eighteen years, report—"That said Lyon have the exclusive right of flitting nailrods, for the term of fourteen years, upon condition he flit all iron brought to him for the purpose, as cheap as they now do in the State of Connecticut, he keeping a flittingmill in constant repair, that the business may be punctually performed;" was read and not accepted, with leave that he withdraw his petition.

Resolved, To reconsider the acceptance of the report of the Committee on John Duncan's petition, and that the same be dismissed.

A bill for repealing certain acts therein named, and empowering certain persons therein named, to levy a tax of twopence on each acre of land in the towns of Landgrove and Brumley, for the purpose of making and repairing roads, bridges, &c. read, accepted, and,

Ordered, That the same be sent to the Governor and Council, for revision and concurrence, or proposals of amendment.

A bill, entitled, "An act for forming the south part of Athens, into a distinct parish;" was read after concurrence, and passed into a law of this State.

A bill, entitled, "An act granting a tax of one penny on each acre of land in the town of Shelburn, for the purpose of making a bridge over the River La Plot, in said town, being returned from the Governor and Council concurred, was read and passed into a law of this State.

A bill, entitled, "An act, in addition to an act, entitled, An act for levying a tax of twopence on each acre of land in Hubbardton, in Rutland county, passed October 17th, 1787, was returned from the Governor and Council concurred, read and passed into a law of this State.

A bill, entitled, "An act laying a tax of twopence on each acre of land in the town of Shoreham, in Addison county, for making roads," &c. returned from the Governor and Council concurred, was read and passed into a law of this State.

A bill, entitled, "An act to enable Mary Campbell, of Cornwall, to take possession of, and become heir to all the estate of Robert Castello," was returned from the

the Governor and Council concurred, and being again read, was passed into an act of the State.

A bill, entitled, "An act dividing the town of Wardsborough into two distinct districts," being returned from the Governor and Council concurred, was read and passed into a law of the State.

A bill, entitled, "An act granting a tax of one penny on each acre of land in the town of Charlotte, for the purposes therein mentioned," being returned from the Governor and Council concurred, was read and passed into an act of the State.

The Committee to whom was referred the petition of Daniel Foot, reported—
"That the prayer thereof ought to be granted;" which being read was accepted; and,

Resolved, That the petitioner have leave to bring in a bill accordingly.

A bill, entitled, "An act empowering certain persons therein named, to levy a tax of one penny on each acre of land in the township of Monckton, for the purpose of making and repairing roads, bridges," &c. was read, accepted, and sent to the Governor and Council for revision and concurrence, or proposals of amendment.

Resolved, That the Treasurer be, and he hereby is directed, not to issue any hard money from the treasury until farther order from the General Assembly.

Adjourned to Monday next, at nine o'clock, forenoon.

M O N D A Y, O C T O B E R 20th, 1788.

A Bill, entitled, "An act directing the holding Supreme Courts in the county of Chittenden,"—read, accepted, and sent to the Governor and Council for revision and concurrence, or proposals of amendment.

Resolved, That the General Assembly entertain a high sense of the military conduct of Lieutenant-Colonel Stephen Keyes, officer of the day of General Election of the Governors and Council, at Manchester, October 9th, 1788; and of that of the officers and soldiers of the artillery, cavalry and infantry, under his immediate command.—That the truly martial arrangement in his orders of the day, and the graceful and soldierlike conduct displayed in executing the same, deserve the thanks of this Assembly, and the applause of their country.

A bill, entitled, "An act for the preservation of Deer;" was read, accepted, and sent to the Governor and Council for their revision and concurrence, or proposals of amendment.

A bill, entitled, "An act for allowing and regulating offsets;" was read, accepted, and,

Ordered, That the same be sent to the Governor and Council for their revision and concurrence, or proposals of amendment.

A bill, entitled, "An act against breaches of the peace;" was read and accepted; and,

Ordered, That the same be sent to the Governor and Council for their revision and concurrence, or proposals of amendment.

A bill, entitled, "An act, in addition to an act, entitled, An act for regulating fees;" was read and accepted; and,

Ordered, That the same be sent to the Governor and Council for their revision and concurrence, or proposals of amendment.

A bill, entitled, "An act, in explanation of an act, entitled, An act enabling communities to sue for and defend their estates, rights and interests;" was read and accepted; and,

Ordered, That the same be sent to the Governor and Council for revision and concurrence, or proposals of amendment.

A bill, entitled, "An act, to repeal a certain clause in the third paragraph in an act, entitled, An act defining the powers of the Supreme and County Courts,"—which clause enabled the Judges of the Supreme Court, to call a Councillor upon their bench, in certain cases; was read and accepted; and,

Ordered, That the same be sent to the Governor and Council for their revision and concurrence, or proposals of amendment.

A bill, entitled, "An act, repealing part of an act, entitled, An act for levying a tax of one penny half penny on each acre of land in Summeret, passed October 26th, 1787;" was read, and,

Ordered, That the same lie on the table.

A bill, entitled, "An act levying a tax of one penny half penny on each acre of land in the town of Lemington, in the county of Orange;" was read and accepted; and,

Ordered, That the same be sent to the Governor and Council for their revision and concurrence, or proposals of amendment.

A bill, entitled, "An act granting a tax of one penny on each acre of land in the town of Leicester, in the county of Addison;" was read and accepted; and,

Ordered, That the same be sent to the Governor and Council for their revision and concurrence, or proposals of amendment.

A bill, entitled, "An act granting a tax of twopence on each acre of land in the town of Cambridge, in the county of Chittenden, for the purpose of making and repairing roads," &c. was read and accepted; and,

Ordered, That the same be sent to the Governor and Council for their revision and concurrence, or proposals of amendment.

A bill, entitled, "An act granting a tax of twopence on each acre of land in the town of Salisbury, for making roads," &c. was read and debated, and with leave of the House, withdrawn.

The Committee on the petition of Samuel Pennock, report—"That the prayer thereof ought to be granted;" which being read was accepted, with leave to bring in a bill accordingly.

A petition from the people of Barnard, praying the Assembly to legitimate some illegal proceedings in laying a tax; was read, and,

Resolved, That the same be referred to a Committee of three, to state facts and make report.—Members chosen, Mr. Cogswell, Mr. Paine and Mr. Bliss.

A bill, entitled, "An act granting a tax of one penny on each acre of land in Jerico;" was read, and,

Ordered, That the same lie on the table.

Adjourned until two o'clock-afternoon.

Two o'clock P. M. October 20th, 1788.

Resolved, That to-morrow morning be the time assigned for appointing a Brigadier General.

General of the third brigade, in the place of Brigadier General Benjamin Wait, who has resigned; and that his Excellency the Governor, and the Honorable Council, be requested to attend for that purpose.

A bill, entitled, "An act for granting a tax of one penny on each acre of land in the town of Williston, in the county of Chittenden," was read and accepted; and,

Ordered, That the same be sent to the Governor and Council for revision and concurrence, or proposals of amendment.

A petition from the inhabitants of the town of Rochester, praying for exemption from taxes; was read—and,

Resolved, That the same be dismissed.

A petition from Montpelier, praying a tax of twopence on each acre of land in said town, for building bridges, &c. was read—and,

Resolved, That the same be referred to a Committee of three, to state facts and make report.—The members chosen, Mr. Lane, Mr. Paine and Mr. Marvin.

A petition praying a tax on the lands in Bolton and Newhuntington, was read and referred to the above-mentioned Committee.

A petition from three of the Listers in the town of Leicester, setting forth, that some of the people are listed in that and the adjoining town, by reason of the interference of town lines; was read and dismissed.

Resolved, That the Committee appointed last year, to assess the granting-fees on the three towns east of the Lake Mumphremagog, granted to Timothy Andrus and associates, be, and they are hereby appointed a Committee to determine on the number of grantees intended to be entered in each of said grants, exclusive of public rights, at the time of assessing the granting-fees.

The Committee to whom was referred the consideration of the petition of Joseph Kimball, Esq. praying for a new trial in his action against Rowland Powel, jun. report—"That the prayer thereof be granted;" which being read was accepted; and,

Resolved, That the petitioner have leave to bring in a bill accordingly.

The Committee to whom was referred the consideration of the petition of Colonel Stephen Pearl, and Colonel Ebenezer Allen, praying that the Two Heroes may be divided into two towns, report—"That the prayer thereof be granted;" which being read and debated, was not accepted—but on motion of Col. Ebenezer Allen, that they be made separate corporations, under the restriction of being entitled to but one Representative—

Resolved, That Colonel Ebenezer Allen have leave to bring in a bill for that purpose.

A petition praying a tax on the lands in Westford, was read, and,

Resolved, That the same be referred to the Committee to whom was referred the petition from Montpelier.

A petition from Middlesex, praying a tax on the lands in said town; was read, and,

Resolved, That the same be referred to the Committee last mentioned.

A petition from Waterbury, praying a tax on the lands in said town, for making roads, &c. was read; and,

Resolved, That the same be referred to the last mentioned Committee,

Resolved,

Resolved, That to-morrow morning at ten o'clock, be the time for the House to attend to the appointment of Agents, with the business of their mission; and that his Excellency and Council be requested to attend for that purpose.

Adjourned until eight o'clock to-morrow morning.

T U E S D A Y, O C T O B E R 21th, 1788.

A Bill, entitled, "An act to repeal an act, entitled, An act to complete the transfer of the treasury," was returned from the Governor and Council concurred, and read the last time and passed into a law of this State.

Resolved, That a Committee of three be appointed, to join a Committee from Council, to form a bill pointing out the mode of settling Treasurers accounts, &c.—Members chosen, Col. Bradley, Maj. Paine and Capt. Dewey.

A bill, entitled, "An act granting a new trial in the cause of Joseph Kimball vs. Rowland Powel, junior;" being read, was accepted; and,

Ordered, That the same be sent to the Governor and Council for their revision and concurrence, or proposals of amendment.

The Committee to whom were referred the petitions from Montpelier, Middlesex, Westford, Bolton, New-Huntington and Waterbury, praying for taxes on the lands in those respective towns, for the purposes of making roads, &c. report—"That the prayers thereof ought to be granted;" which was read and accepted; and,

Ordered, That the petitioners have leave to bring in bills accordingly.

Resolved, That Doct. Marvin, Col. Johnson and Doct. Chipman, be a Committee to determine the number of grantees to be entered in each of the charters of the three townships east of the Lake Mumphremagog, granted to Timothy Andrus and associates.

A bill, entitled, "An act dividing the Two-Heroes into two towns," was introduced by Colonel E. Allen, agreeable to leave; which being read was accepted; and,

Ordered, That the same be sent to the Governor and Council for revision and concurrence, or proposals of amendment.

A bill, entitled, "An act granting a tax of twopence on each acre of land in the town of Salisbury, for the purpose of making and repairing roads, bridges," &c. was read, accepted—and,

Ordered, That the same be sent to the Governor and Council for their revision and concurrence, or proposals of amendment.

State of Vermont, Manchester, October 21st, 1788.

His Excellency the Governor, the Honorable Council, and the House of Assembly, met in Grand Committee, agreeable to the appointment of yesterday. His Excellency in the chair, Joseph Fay, Esq. Clerk.

On motion of Captain Dewey,

The Committee proceeded to the choice of a Brigadier-General, of the third Brigade, when the Honorable Paul Brigham, Esq. was declared chosen.

On motion of Doctor Marvin,

Resolved, That a Committee consisting of one member from each county, be appointed to draw instructions for Agents to Congress.—Members chosen, Mr. Speaker Olen, Mr. Bradley, Mr. Porter, Mr. Jacob, Mr. Paine, Mr. Strong and Mr. I. Allen.

Adjourned

Adjourned until nine o'clock to-morrow morning.

The General Assembly then proceeded to business.

A bill, entitled, "An act granting a tax on the lands in Cornwall and Middlebury, for the purpose of making roads and bridges," &c. was read and accepted; and,

Ordered, That the same be sent to the Governor and Council for their revision and concurrence, or proposals of amendment.

A bill, entitled, "An act granting a tax of one penny on each acre of land in the town of Jerico;" was read and accepted; and,

Ordered, That the same be sent to the Governor and Council for revision and concurrence, or proposals of amendment.

A bill, entitled, "An act granting a tax of twopence on each acre of land in the town of Underhill, for making roads," &c. read, accepted, and—

Ordered, To be sent to the Governor and Council for revision and concurrence, or proposals of amendment.

A bill, entitled, "An act, in addition to an act, entitled, An act granting a tax of twopence on each acre of land in the town of Milton;" was read, accepted, and—

Ordered, That the same be sent to the Governor and Council for their revision and concurrence, or proposals of amendment.

A bill, entitled, "An act granting the Trustees of Windsor County Grammar School, leave to make a lottery, for the purpose of completing a new school house," &c. was read and accepted; and,

Ordered, That the same be sent to the Governor and Council for their revision and concurrence, or proposals of amendment.

A bill, entitled, "An act laying a tax of twopence per acre on the lands in Cambridge," was returned from the Governor and Council concurred, read and passed into an act of the State.

A bill, entitled, "An act directing the holding Supreme Courts in the county of Chittenden," returned from the Governor and Council with their concurrence, was read and passed into a law of the State.

A bill, entitled, "An act granting a tax of one penny per acre on the lands in Monckton," being returned from the Governor and Council concurred, was read and passed into an act of the State.

A bill, entitled, "An act granting a tax on the lands in Lemington, for making roads," &c. returned from the Governor and Council concurred, was read for the last time, and passed into an act of the State.

A bill, entitled, "An act, in addition to an act, entitled, An act granting a tax on Landgrove and Brumley," returned from the Governor and Council concurred, was read and passed into a law of this State.

A bill, entitled, "An act granting a tax on Leicester, for making roads," &c. returned from the Council concurred, was read and passed into a law of the State.

A petition praying a tax on the lands in Woodford and Stamford, for the purpose of making roads, &c. was read, and—

Resolved, That a Committee of three be appointed, to take the same under consideration, state facts and make report.—Members chosen, 'Squire Jewett, Major Parkhurst and 'Squire Rumsey.

A petition from Susannah Arms, Josiah Arms and others, read, and—

Ordered, To lie on the table.

Resolved, "That the House of Assembly having accepted the resignation of Micah Townsend, Esq. late Secretary of State, feel themselves obliged to express the warmest sentiments of gratitude to that gentleman, for the fidelity and skill, with which he has discharged the duties of his said office.—That it is with reluctance they consent, that an Officer of State of his ingenious accomplishments, which have been so faithfully, and to such general satisfaction, exerted for the *public good*, should so soon retire from the station he has filled with *advantage* to the State, and *honor* to himself."

A bill, entitled, "An act granting a new trial in the cause of Joseph Kimball vs. Rowland Powel, junior," being returned from the Governor and Council concurred, was read and passed into an act of the State.

A petition from thirteen persons on Jackson's Gore, stating, that they bought their own lands at a vendue for the collection of a tax of one penny on each acre of land, granted February 1787—That Jethro Jackson was Collector.—That after the time of redemption was expired, they applied to said Jackson for deeds, who refused to execute deeds, and fled to New-York, with a view to get the tax of those persons who had a former grant thereof under that government, &c. and praying relief; was read, and—

Resolved, That the same be referred to a Committee of three, to state facts and make report.—Members chosen, Mr. Ward, Mr. Chipman and Mr. Weld.

Resolved, That the Treasurer be, and he hereby is directed, to credit the Constable of the town of Sharon, the sum of two pounds seven shillings and sixpence, lawful money, on the State tax for the year 1787, which sum the said town was over charged.

Resolved, That the Treasurer of the county of Windsor be, and he hereby is directed, to credit the Constable of the town of Sharon, the sum of eleven shillings and tenpence half penny, on the county tax granted October 1787; which sum of eleven shillings and tenpence half penny, said town of Sharon was over charged in said tax.

Resolved, That the Treasurer be, and he hereby is directed, to take granting-fees for sixty rights of land in each of the townships granted to Timothy Andrus and associates, in October last; and that it be considered that each of said townships contain sixty proprietors, exclusive of public rights.

Resolved, That the town of Royalton be, and the same hereby is credited, all the tax laid on the said town, for raising three hundred men, on the list of 1781.—And the Treasurer is hereby directed to credit said town accordingly.

Resolved, That Roswell Hopkins, Esq. Secretary of State, be, and he hereby is directed, at the cost of this State, to call on Micah Townsend, Esq. late Secretary of State, for all the records, books and papers, that in anywise belong to the Secretary's office, that are in his hands; and the said Micah Townsend, Esq. is hereby directed, to deliver said records, books and papers, to the said Roswell Hopkins, Esq.

Adjourned until two o'clock afternoon.

Two o'clock P. M. October 21st, 1788.

A petition from Elnathan Marwin, Administrator of Israel Marwin; read and referred to Mr. Beach, Mr. Matthews and Mr. E. Allen.

A petition

A petition from Edward Aikin, was read and dismissed.

A bill, entitled, "An act altering the name of the town of Turnersburgh, to that of Brookline;" was read, and with leave of the House, withdrawn for amendments.

A bill, entitled, "An act granting a tax of one penny on each acre of land in Starksborough;" was read and accepted; and,

Ordered, That the same be sent to the Governor and Council for revision and concurrence, or proposals of amendment.

A bill, entitled, "An act for allowing and regulating offsets," was read, after concurrence, and passed into a law of the State.

A bill entitled, "An act for dividing the Two-Heroes into two towns, by the names of the *North* and *South Heroes*," was read, after being returned from the Governor and Council, concurred, and passed into an act of the State.

A bill, entitled, "An act granting a tax on the lands in the town of Jerico," was read after concurrence, and passed into a law of this State.

A bill, entitled, "An act granting leave to the Trustees of Windsor County Grammar School, for making a Lottery"—read after concurrence, and passed into an act of the State.

A bill, entitled, "An act for the preservation of Deer," was returned from the Governor and Council concurred, and read for the last time, and passed into a law of the State.

A bill, entitled, "An act granting a tax of twopence on each acre of land in the town of Underhill," being returned from the Governor and Council concurred, was read and passed into a law.

A bill, entitled, "An act, in addition to an act, entitled, An act granting a tax on the lands in Milton, for the purpose of making roads," &c. being returned from the Governor and Council concurred, was read and passed into an act of the State.

A petition from Danby and Dorset, praying for a tax on the lands in said towns; was read, and,

Ordered, That the same be dismissed.

A petition signed John Searl, praying a compensation for entertaining the New-hampshire and Massachusetts troops, in time of the late war; was read and dismissed.

The petition of William Gallup, stating, that the town of Northfield is less than supposed when granted, and praying an allowance on the survey tax; was read, and—

Resolved, That the same be referred to a Committee of three, to state facts and make report.—The members chosen, Capt. Smith, Mr. Heald and Col. Safford.

A petition from Berlin, praying a tax of twopence on each acre of land in said town, for the purpose of making and repairing roads, &c. was read and debated, and the prayer thereof granted, with leave that the petitioners bring in a bill accordingly.

A petition from Stephen Olin and Penuel Stevens, praying for a new trial in a certain cause of the Freemen against them; was read and referred to a Committee of three, to state facts and make report.—Members chosen, Mr. Wells, Mr. J. Throop and Mr. Bullen.

Resolved, That Mr. Israel Smith, Mr. Marvin, Mr. Brush, Mr. Everts, Mr. Wood, Mr. Joel Marsh, and Mr. Austin, be a Committee to point out what sum is necessary to be raised the present year, to defray the expense of the civil list.

On motion of Col. Bradley,

Resolved, That he have leave to bring in a bill making the writs in Windham county, that by said writs are returnable on the first, returnable on the second Tuesday of November next.

A bill, entitled, "An act for incorporating a part of the towns of Newhaven, Panton and Ferrisburgh, with city privileges, by the name of *Vergennes*;" was read and accepted; and,

Ordered, That the same be sent to the Governor and Council for their revision and concurrence, or proposals of amendment.

The Committee to whom was referred the petition of William Gallup, report—"That one fifth part of the expense of the General Survey of Northfield, ought to be abated;" which being read was accepted, with leave for a bill in form.

The Committee for assessing granting-fees, report—"That the proprietors of the land granted to Whitlow and associates, being sixtyfive in number, exclusive of public rights, pay nine pounds on each right;" which being read was accepted.

A petition from the proprietors of the town of Manchester, praying for liberty to pitch the after divisions in said town; was read, and—

Resolved, That the same be referred to a Committee of three, to report their opinion thereon.—Members chosen, Messrs. Thomson, C. Smith and Gallup.

On motion of Mr. Paine,

A bill, entitled, "An act directing the manner of paying the Judges of the Supreme Court;" was read, and—

Ordered, To lie on the table.

The Committee to whom was referred the petition of Elnathan Merwin, report—

"That the prayer thereof ought to be granted;" which being read,

Ordered, That the same lie on the table until to-morrow morning.

On motion of Major Parkhurst,

Resolved, That he have leave of absence until Thursday morning.

Adjourned until eight o'clock to-morrow morning.

W E D N E S D A Y, OCTOBER 22d, 1788.

THE Assembly proceeded to bring in their ballots for an Auditor of public accounts for the year ensuing—when the Honorable Isaac Tichenor, Esq. was duly elected.

In Grand Committee, Wednesday October 22d, 1788.

Committee met according to adjournment.

The Committee appointed to draw instructions for the Agents to Congress, made a report of instructions; which being read, was accepted.

The ballots being taken for the first Agent to Congress, the Honorable MOSES ROBINSON, Esq. was declared duly elected.

The ballots being taken for the second Agent to Congress, the Honorable IRA ALLEN, Esq. was duly elected.

The ballots being taken for a third Agent to Congress, the Honorable JONATHAN ARNOLD, Esq. was duly elected.

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The ballots being taken for a Surveyor-General, James Whitlow, Esq. was declared duly elected.

The Committee then dissolved.

J O S E P H F A Y, Clerk.

Resolved, That the Assembly will adjourn to-morrow evening, and that the debentures be made accordingly.

The Committee to whom was referred the petition from thirteen inhabitants of Jackson's Gore, report—"That the facts set up in said petition are not supported, and that the prayer thereof ought not to be granted.

WILLIAM WARD, for Committee."

Which being read was accepted, and the petition dismissed.

The Committee to whom was referred the petition from the proprietors of Manchester, report—"That the prayer thereof ought to be granted ;" which being read was accepted, with leave to bring in a bill accordingly.

A bill, entitled, "An act enabling the proprietors of Manchester, to lay out their undivided land, by pitching the same ;" was read and accepted ; and,

Ordered, That the same be sent to the Governor and Council for revision and concurrence, or proposals of amendment.

Resolved, That the Treasurer be, and he hereby is directed, not to issue his extent against the town of Orwell, for the State-tax, granted October 1787, until the session of Assembly in October next.

The Committee to whom was referred the petition of Stephen Olin and Samuel Stevens, praying for a new trial, report—"That the prayer of said petition ought to be granted ;" which being read and debated,

Resolved, That the same be accepted, with leave that the petitioners bring in a bill accordingly.

A bill, entitled, "An act annexing the powers of a Court of Chancery to the Supreme Court ;" was read, accepted, and,

Ordered, That the same be sent to the Governor and Council for revision and concurrence, or proposals of amendment.

On motion of Col Barron,

Resolved, That the Treasurer be, and he hereby is directed, not to issue his extent against the town of Moretown, in the county of Orange for the tax of ten shillings on each hundred acres, until the expiration of three months from this time—and that he issue his warrant to the first Constable of said town for, the collection of the same.

A bill, entitled, "An act directing the mode of paying the Judges of the Supreme Court ;" was read, and rejected.

A bill, entitled, "An act making certain writs, that by said writs are returnable to the county court in Windham county, on the first, returnable on the second Tuesday in November next ;" was read, and accepted ; and,

Ordered, That the same be sent to the Governor and Council for their revision and concurrence, or proposals of amendment.

On motion of the Honorable Isaac Tichenor, Esq.

Ordered, That the opening of the house this afternoon, be the time assigned for taking under consideration the petition of the Trustees of Clio-Hall.

A bill, entitled, "An act, in addition to" an act, entitled, An act, regulating proprietors meetings; and in addition to an act, entitled, "An act directing town clerks in their office and duty," was read and accepted; and,

Ordered, That the same be sent to the Governor and Council for their revision and concurrence, or proposals of amendment.

A bill, entitled, "An act granting a tax of two pence on each acre of land in the town of Pocock, for the purpose of making roads," &c. was read and accepted; and,

Ordered, That the same be sent to the Governor and Council for their revision and concurrence, or proposals of amendment.

A bill, entitled, "An act altering the name of Turnersburgh, to that of Chelsea;" was read and accepted, and sent to the Governor and Council for their revision and concurrence, or proposals of amendment.

A bill, entitled, "An act directing the return of such obligations taken from Samuel Pennock by the Court of Confiscation, as are now in the possession of said Court;" being read and accepted,

Ordered, That the same be sent to the Governor and Council for their revision and concurrence, or proposals of amendment.

A bill, entitled, "An act enabling the proprietors of Manchester, to pitch their undivided lands;" being returned from the Governor and Council concurred, was read and passed into an act of this State.

The Committee to whom it was referred to point out the sum necessary to be raised to defray the expense of the civil list, report—"That to defray the expense of Government, it will be necessary to grant a tax of five pence on the pound, on the list of the polls and rateable estate of the inhabitants of the current year;" which being read, and largely debated, was accepted.

Adjourned until two o'clock afternoon.

Two o'clock P. M. October 22d, 1788.

Agreeable to the order of the day, the House resumed the petition of the Trustees of Clio-Hall—And, on motion of Mr. Jacob,

Ordered, That Isaac Tichenor, Esq. agent for said Trustees, be requested to attend; who attended accordingly; and, after hearing the debates on the subject, with leave, withdrew said petition.

Resolved, That a Committee of three, to join a Committee from the Council, be appointed, to prepare the form of a commission for the agents to Congress. Members chosen, Mr. Isaac Smith, Mr. Bradley and Mr. Knoulton.

Resolved, That a Committee of three be appointed, to wait on the Governor and Council for a statement of the accounts between the State and the late Surveyor General; the members chosen, Mr. Marvin, Mr. Lomis and Mr. Johnson.

The report of the Committee to whom was referred the petition of Elnathan Merwin, was again read, and the question being put, whether the House would accept said report, it passed in the negative. And,

Resolved, That said petition be dismissed.

A bill, entitled, "An act directing Listers in their office and duty;" being read, and debated,

Ordered, That the same lie on the table till tomorrow morning.

A bill

A bill, entitled, "An act granting a tax on the lands in Cornwall and Middlebury, was returned with a proposed amendment, from the Governor and Council; which being read with the amendment, was passed into an act of the State.

A petition from Ozias Clarke, Administrator on the estate of Captain Elisha Clarke, praying for leave to convey one hundred acres of land, the property of said Elisha Clarke, deceased, to his brother, which was intended by the deceased; being read,

Resolved, That the same be referred to a Committee of three.—Members, Mr. Paine, Mr. Bradley and Mr. I. Smith.

Adjourned until eight o'clock to-morrow morning.

T H U R S D A Y, O C T O B E R 23d, 1788.

ON motion of General Morey,

Resolved, That he have leave of absence until the end of the session.

The House resumed the consideration of the bill, entitled, "An act directing Listers in their office and duty;" after agreeing to the amendment proposed, for putting yearling cattle and horses into the list, and rejecting the clause proposed, taking off the premium on wool and linen. The question was put, Whether the House will expunge the clause in the act, which directs that unimproved lands be put in the list? and the yeas and nays being taken, are as follow:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. Dewey,	Mr. Chamberlin,	Mr. Fupper,	Mr. Stickney,
Mr. Jewett,	Mr. Everist,	Mr. Speaker Olin,	Mr. Carpenter,
Mr. Barney,	Mr. Spencer,	Mr. Duntun,	Mr. Bisbee,
Mr. Hurd,	Mr. M'Neil,	Mr. I. Smith,	Mr. Jacob,
Mr. Lyon,	Mr. Everts,	Mr. Chipman,	Mr. Beach,
Mr. Merriman,	Mr. Bliss,	Mr. Lewis,	Mr. C. Smith,
Mr. Burnham,	Mr. Chapin,	Mr. Marvin,	Mr. Matthews,
Mr. Knoulton,	Mr. I. Allen,	Mr. Stafford,	Mr. Heald,
Mr. Cook,	Mr. Brownson,	Mr. Hopkins,	Mr. N. Throop,
Mr. Roberts,	Mr. Lane,	Mr. Williams,	Mr. J. Throop,
Mr. Wood,	Mr. I. Safford,	Mr. Randall,	Mr. Gallup,
Mr. Hubbard,	Mr. Coit,	Mr. Robinson,	Mr. Emerson,
Mr. Hazen,	Mr. E. Allen,	Mr. Daniels,	Mr. Hawkins,
Mr. Burton,	Mr. I. Marsh,	Mr. G. Brownson,	Mr. Foster,
Mr. Weld,		Mr. W. Smith,	Mr. Paine,
Mr. Parkhurst,		Mr. Cogswell,	Mr. Barron,
Mr. Rogers,		Mr. Ward,	Mr. Lomis,
Mr. Morey,		Mr. I. Smith,	Mr. Pennock,
Mr. Austin,		Mr. Sargeants,	Mr. Morrill,
Mr. Edgerton,	Nays.	Mr. D. Jewett,	Mr. Brush,
Mr. Rumsey,	Mr. D. Marsh,	Mr. Bradley,	Mr. Stone,
Mr. Freeman,	Mr. Canfield,	Mr. Holton,	Mr. Benton,
Mr. Johnson,	Mr. Jesse Safford,	Mr. Wells,	Mr. Hurd,
Mr. Harvey,	Mr. Sawyer,	Mr. Aikin,	Mr. Painter,
Mr. Groat,	Mr. Sherman,	Mr. Bullen,	Mr. Barnam,
So it passed in the negative.			

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On motion of Colonel Bradley,

Resolved, That a Committee of three be appointed to prepare a bill, by way of amendment to the act directing Listers in their office and duty.—The members chosen, Messrs. Marvin, Bradley and Paine.

Resolved, That the above Committee be directed to draw an amendment to the clause for taxing unimproved lands, in such manner as to make it the duty of Listers to set all unimproved lands that are allotted in their respective towns, in the list at one shilling per acre, to be returned into the Clerk's office, as now by law directed.

Resolved, That the above Committee be directed to make such amendment in that clause of the act that respects premiums on wool and linen, that the same shall extend only to State taxes.

A bill, entitled, "An act granting a tax of fivepence on the pound on the list of the polls and rateable estate of the inhabitants of this State for the purpose of paying the debts already due from the State, and for the support of government the ensuing year;" was read and accepted; and,

Ordered, That the same be sent to the Governor and Council for revision and concurrence, or proposals of amendment.

Resolved, That the Treasurer be, and he hereby is directed, to issue his warrants to the several Collectors of the State-tax, at the expense of this State, by the first of December next.

A bill, entitled, "An act directing the mode of process against High-Sheriff's bondsmen;" read, accepted, and,

Ordered, That the same be sent to the Governor and Council for revision and concurrence, or proposals of amendment.

A bill, entitled, "An act for completing the transfer of the Treasury;" was read, and,

Ordered, That the same lie on the table, until Col. Allen, the late Treasurer, can attend upon the House.

A bill, entitled, "An act granting a tax of one penny on each acre of land in Cornwall," was returned from the Governor and Council with certain proposals of amendment; which, with the amendments proposed, was read and passed into an act of the State.

A bill, entitled, "An act authorizing the first Constable of the town of Moretown, in the county of Orange, for the year 1788, to collect the tax of ten shillings on each hundred acres of land in said town, granted in the year 1781;" was read and accepted; and,

Ordered, That the same be sent to the Governor and Council for their revision and concurrence, or proposals of amendment.

A bill, entitled, "An act for altering the name of the town of Moretown in Orange County, to that of Bradford." read, accepted, and,

Ordered, To be sent to the Governor and Council for revision and concurrence, or proposals of amendment.

A bill, sent down from the Governor and Council, entitled, "An act, in addition to an act, entitled, An act for the disposition of monies raised in the several towns in this State, by taxes on the lands, for making roads," &c. read, and,

Resolved, to refer the same to Messrs. Paine, Gallup and Marvin, to prepare such amendments as may be necessary.

Ira Allen,

Ira Allen, Esq. late Treasurer, being present, the House resumed the consideration of the bill, entitled, "An act for completing the transfer of the treasury; and the same being read, and,

On motion of Mr. Jacob, That, in the clause directing the Commissioners to make fair copies of all the books and vouchers of the late Treasurer, and deliver the same to the said Allen, on his requesting the same; the following amendment be made, to wit, at the expense of the said Allen.

On the question for the amendment, the yeas and nays being called for by Col. Allen, were as follow;

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Hopkins,	Mr. Aikin,	Mr. Foster,	Mr. Robinson,
Mr. Williams,	Mr. Builen,	Mr. Paine,	Mr. Roberts,
Mr. Merriman,	Mr. Stickney,	Mr. Lomis,	Mr. Burton,
Mr. Burnham,	Mr. Carpenter,	Mr. Morrill,	Mr. Parkhurst,
Mr. Randall,	Mr. Wood,	Mr. Grout,	Mr. Brownson,
Mr. Daniels,	Mr. Bisbee,	Mr. Thomson,	Mr. Matthews,
Mr. Rumsey,	Mr. Hubbard,	Mr. Stone,	Mr. Lane,
Mr. W. Smith,	Mr. Jacob,	Mr. Everist,	Mr. Colt.
Mr. Cogswell,	Mr. Hazen,	Mr. Benton,	
Mr. Ward,	Mr. Heald,	Mr. Hurd,	
Mr. I. Smith,	Mr. I. Marsh,	Mr. Spencer,	
Mr. Sargeants,	Mr. Rogers,	Mr. Beach,	
Mr. D. Jewett,	Mr. N. Throop,	Mr. Everts,	
Mr. Bradley,	Mr. J. Throop,	Mr. Chapin,	
Mr. Holton,	Mr. Gallup,	Mr. I. Safford,	
Mr. Wells,	Mr. Emerson,	Mr. Sherman,	
Mr. Freeman,	Mr. Hawkins,	Mr. Lewis,	
Mr. Dewey,	Mr. Hurd,	Mr. Marvin,	
Mr. Jewett,	Mr. Canfield,	Mr. Stafford,	
Mr. Tupper,	Mr. Chipman,		

So it passed in favour of the amendment, and the same was made accordingly.

And the bill, with the amendment, being read, was accepted; and,

Ordered, That the same be sent to the Governor and Council for their revision and concurrence, or proposals of amendment.

The Committee to whom were referred the petitions from sundry towns, concerning the establishment of town lines, report;

"That an act of legislature ought to be made, to establish the first known boundary lines, between all the towns in this State which have been already laid out.

JOHN FASSETT, for Committee."

Which report being read and debated,

Resolved, That the consideration of said report be referred to the next session of Assembly.

Resolved, That a Committee of three be appointed, to form a bill, entitled, "An act suspending the trials of certain actions therein named." Members chosen, Capt. Dewey, Israel Smith and John Burnham, Esqrs.

Resolved, That a Committee of three, to join a Committee from the Council, be appointed, to take under consideration what part of the Surveyor General's account shall be paid by the State, and what particular towns shall be exempt from the separate

erate expense of the general survey. Members chosen, Messrs. Bradley, Wood and Lyon.

Adjourned until two o'clock afternoon.

Two o'clock P. M. October 23d, 1788.

A bill, entitled, "An act directing certain persons therein named, to return certain papers therein named;" &c. was returned from the Governor and Council concurred, read and passed into an act of this State.

A bill, entitled, "An act altering the name of the town of Turnersburgh to that of Chelsea;" was read, after the concurrence of the Governor and Council, and passed into an act of the State.

A bill, entitled, "An act authorizing the Constable of the town of Peacham, to collect the tax of ten shillings on each hundred acres of land in said town, granted in the year 1781;" was read after concurrence, and passed into an act of the State.

A bill, entitled, "An act in addition to an act, entitled, An act enabling communities to sue for, and recover their common rights, estates and interests," being returned from the Governor and Council concurred, was read and passed into a law of this State.

A bill, entitled, "An act for the purpose of entering certain actions in the County Court in the county of Windham;" being read after concurrence, was passed into an act of this State.

A bill, entitled, "an act granting a tax of one penny on each acre of land in Williston, for making roads;" &c. returned with proposals of amendment from the Governor and Council; which, with the amendments, being read, was passed into an act of this State.

A bill, entitled, "An act granting a tax of twopence on each acre of land in the town of Salisbury, for making roads, bridges;" &c. being returned concurred, was read and passed into an act of this State.

A bill, entitled, "An act granting a tax of one penny per acre on all the lands in Starkisborough, for making roads;" &c. was read after concurrence, and passed into an act of this State.

A bill, entitled, "An act against breaches of the peace;" being concurred, was read and passed into a law of this State.

A bill, entitled, "An act altering the name of the town of Moretown, in the county of Orange, to that of Bradford;" was read after concurrence, and passed into an act of this State.

A bill, entitled, "An act enabling the first Constable of the town of Moretown, in the county of Orange, for the year 1788, to collect the tax of ten shillings on each hundred acres of land in said town, granted in the year 1781;" read, after concurrence by the Governor and Council, and passed into an act of this State.

A bill, entitled, "An act to repeal a certain clause in an act, entitled, An act defining the powers of the Supreme and County Courts;" was returned from the Governor and Council with their concurrence, and read and passed into a law of the State.

A bill, entitled, "An act in addition to an act, entitled, An act for the regulation of the courts."

tion of fees," being returned from the Governor and Council with their concurrence, was read and passed into a law of this State.

A bill, directing the mode of process against High Sheriff's bondsmen, was returned from the Governor and Council with their proposals of amendment; which, with the amendment proposed, was read & passed into a law of the State.

A bill, entitled, "An act granting a tax of five pence on the pound on the grand list, for defraying State debts and the expense of government;" &c. returned from the Governor and Council, with a proposal of adding one penny on the pound by way of amendment, was read and not accepted, but sent back to the Council.

A bill from the Governor and Council, entitled, "An act providing for posthumous children;" was read and not concurred; therefore dismissed.

A bill, entitled, "An act granting a tax of twopence on each acre of land in the town of Pocomk;" was returned from the Council with some proposals of amendment; which being read, was,

Ordered, to lie on the table.

A bill, entitled, "An act in addition to an act regulating proprietors meetings; and in addition to an act directing Town Clerks in their office and duty;" was returned from the Governor and Council with their concurrence, except one paragraph, which was proposed by his Excellency and Council to be omitted, by way of amendment; which being read with said amendment was passed into a law of the State.

The bill, entitled, "An act granting a tax of five pence on the pound, on the list of the present year, for the purpose of discharging the debts of the State, and supporting the civil list;" was again returned from the Governor and Council concurred, read and passed into an act of the State.

A petition from Jonathan Hunt, Esq. stating, that in October last he obtained from the General Assembly, a grant of a township of land—toward the charter-fees of which he has advanced about one hundred and seventy pounds in hard money, and that he has nearly money sufficient with him for completing the payment of said fees.—That he has been, since said grant issued, informed that the same land has been chartered to Ira Allen, Esq. and praying that enquiry may be made, and if said charter has been unconstitutionally issued, that the Legislature, by an act of theirs, would set the same aside, and prevent the expense of lawsuits to determine the validity of said several grants; and that, if they see proper, that they would lessen the charter-fees, as there proves to be a large pond and other waste ground in said town, not expected when the fees were assessed: which being read,

Resolved, That a Committee of three be appointed, to enquire of his Excellency, whether any charter, under his hand and the seal of this State, hath been issued for that tract of land, and make report.—Members chosen, Messrs. Bradley, Marvin and Freeman.

A bill, entitled, "An act directing proceedings where actions are commenced for estates that have been confiscated by the authority of this State;" was read and accepted; and,

Ordered, That the same be sent to the Governor and Council for their revision and concurrence, or proposals of amendment.

A bill, entitled, "An act granting to Col. Benjamin Randall, Capt. John Robinson and Company, 23,640 acres of land;" was read and not accepted; and,

On motion of Mr. Jacob,

Ordered,

Ordered, That the same lie until the next session of Assembly, to find whether there are any lands for them ; and that they may have the preference to other petitioners.

On motion of the Surveyor-General,

Resolved, That a Committee of three be appointed, to take under consideration the lines of the town of Berkshire, and the adjoining towns, and make report.—The members chosen, Mr. Chipman, Mr. Painter and Mr. Thomson.

A bill, entitled, "An act granting a tax on the towns of Montpelier, Berlin, Middlesex, Waterbury and Bolton ;" was read, accepted, and,

Ordered, That the same be sent to the Governor and Council for their revision and concurrence, or proposals of amendment.

A bill, entitled, "An act granting a tax on the lands in the town of Westford, in Chittenden County, for the purpose of making roads," &c. was read, accepted, and—

Ordered, That the same be sent to the Governor and Council for their revision and concurrence, or proposals of amendment.

A bill, entitled, "An act granting a tax of twopence on each acre of land in the town of Newhuntington, public rights excepted, for the purpose of making roads, bridges," &c. was read and accepted ; and,

Ordered, That the same be sent to the Governor and Council for their revision and concurrence, or proposals of amendment.

The Committee on the petition of the Honorable Jonathan Hunt, Esq. who were directed to repair to his Excellency, and enquire whether he had issued a charter under his hand and the seal of this State, to any person, of the lands granted to Jonathan Hunt, Esq. in October last, report—"That his Excellency gave for answer, That he did, without advice of Council, in October 1786, a day or two before the General Assembly set at Rutland, in pursuance of a flying grant that had been made to one Woodbridge, which had been forfeited, make out and sign, in a private manner, to Ira Allen, Esq. a charter, which, for ought he knows, covers some of the premises.—That he did, at that time, take a large bond of said Allen, to indemnify him.—And the reason which he principally gave for it was, the fear that the State would wrong said Allen in his capacity as Surveyor-General. That when the *Question* was asked his Excellency whether said charter was recorded or not, he answered, he did not know. That in the opinion of your Committee, his Excellency has violated the trust reposed in him by the Constitution, to keep the *Public Seal* of this State *sacred* : and that he has converted it to *private, sinister views* :—And your Committee submit to the House, what order shall be taken—and that in the opinion of your Committee, said charter was fraudulent, and ought to be declared void by act of Legislature.

(Signed)

STEPHEN R. BRADLEY,
EBENEZER MARVIN,
PHINEHAS FREEMAN."

Which report being read,

Ordered, That Mr. Paine be requested to wait on his Excellency, and request his attendance on the House—who attended accordingly.

After a long and anxious hearing of his Excellency, and the various arguments of his Excellency and the several members who offered their sentiments on the subject,
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the question to accept the report being put, it passed in the affirmative; and,

Resolved, That a Committee of three be appointed to form a bill agreeable to the recommendation in said report, and take under consideration the other part of said Hunt's petition; the members chosen, Mr. Bradley, Mr. I. Smith and Mr. Freeman.

Resolved, That the vote passed yesterday for adjourning this evening, without day, be, and the same hereby is reconsidered.

A bill, entitled, "An act annexing the powers of a Court of Chancery, to the Supreme Court;" being returned with some proposals of amendment from his Excellency and Council, was read, and with the amendment proposed, passed into a law of the State.

The Committee to whom was referred the petition of Ozias Clarke, report as their opinion, that the prayer thereof ought to be granted; which being read was accepted, with leave for the petitioner to bring in a bill accordingly.

A bill, entitled, "An act authorizing Ozias Clarke, Administrator of Captain Elisha Clarke, deceased, to fulfil a certain contract made by the said Elisha, in his lifetime;" was read and accepted; and,

Ordered, That the same be sent to the Governor and Council for their revision and concurrence, or proposals of amendment.

A bill, entitled, "An act for levying a tax on the county of Windham;" was read, accepted, and,

Ordered, That the same be sent to the Governor and Council for revision and concurrence, or proposals of amendment.

The bill, entitled, "An act incorporating a part of the towns of Newhaven, Panton and Ferrisburgh, with city privileges;" returned from the Governor and Council with proposals of amendment, was read with the amendment, and passed into an act of the State.

On motion of Mr. Paine,

Resolved, That he be excused from the Committee on the petition of Jonathan Holton and others, and that Col. Johnson be appointed in his stead.

The Committee to whom was referred the petition from Woodford, praying for a land-tax, report; "That the prayer thereof ought to be granted;" which being read was accepted, with leave for a bill in form.

Adjourned until eight o'clock to-morrow morning.

F R I D A Y, O C T O B E R 24th, 1788.

A BILL, entitled, "An act, in addition to an act for regulating the Militia of this State;" was read and accepted; and,

Ordered, That the same be sent to the Governor and Council for their revision and concurrence, or proposals of amendment.

A petition praying for a tax on the lands in the town of Woorcott, for the purpose of making roads, &c. being read,

Resolved, That the same be referred to the next session of the Legislature.

A bill, sent down from the Council, entitled, "An act, in addition to an act, entitled, An act for the disposition of monies raised by land taxes, for making roads," &c. was read and returned to the Council with some proposals of amendment.

The Committee to whom was referred the petition from Danville, report—"That the prayer thereof ought to be granted;" which being read,

Resolved, That the same be accepted, with leave for a bill accordingly.

A bill, agreeable to leave given, entitled, "An act granting a tax of twopence on each acre of land in Danville, for the purpose of making roads;" &c. was read and accepted; and,

Ordered, That the same be sent to the Governor and Council for revision and concurrence, or proposals of amendment.

A bill, entitled, "An act in addition to an act, entitled, An act directing Listers in their office and duty;" was read and accepted; and,

Ordered, To be sent to the Governor and Council for revision and concurrence, or proposals of amendment.

The Committee to whom was referred the last part of the petition of Jonathan Hunt, Esq. report—"That the lands granted to Jonathan Hunt, Esq. and associates, is not equal in quality to what was expected at the time of assessing the granting fees, therefore, that instead of paying ten pounds for each three hundred and thirty acres, as originally assessed, the said Hunt and associates pay nine pounds for each three hundred and thirty acres, as granting fees;" which being read was accepted.

A bill, entitled, "An act declaring a certain fraudulent instrument, purporting to be a charter to Ira Allen, Esq. and associates therein described, null and void;" was read, and being largely debated, was accepted; and,

Ordered, That the same be sent to the Governor and Council for revision and concurrence, or proposals of amendment.

A bill, entitled, "An act granting a tax on the county of Rutland, for the purpose of building a goal in said county;" after being read, was withdrawn for some amendments.

A bill, entitled, "An act granting a tax on the lands in Newhuntington;" was returned from the Governor and Council concurred, read and passed into an act of the State.

A bill, entitled, "An act granting a tax on the lands in Westford, for the purpose of making roads;" &c. was returned from the Governor and Council concurred, read and passed into an act of the State.

The bill, entitled, "An act for granting a tax on the county of Rutland, for the purpose of building a goal in said county;" was again read and accepted; and,

Ordered, That the same be sent to the Governor and Council for revision and concurrence, or proposals of amendment.

A bill, entitled, "An act granting a tax of one penny on the pound on the list of the county of Windsor, for defraying county debts;" was read and accepted; and,

Ordered, That the same lie on the table till the opening of the House in the afternoon.

A bill, entitled, "An act, in addition to the several acts therein mentioned;" and a bill, entitled, "An act to call in all the public securities issued previous to the first of January, 1788;" were read and withdrawn for amendments.

A bill, entitled, "An act granting a tax on the lands in Woodford, for the purpose of making roads;" &c. was read, accepted, and—

Ordered,

Ordered, That the same be sent to the Governor and Council for their revision and concurrence, or proposals of amendment.

Adjourned until two o'clock afternoon.

Two o'clock P. M. October 24th, 1788.

The Committee to whom was referred the petition from Greenborough, praying a land tax, reported—"That the prayer thereof ought to be granted;" which being read was accepted; and,

Ordered, That a bill be brought in accordingly.

A bill, entitled, "An act for completing the transfer of the treasury," was returned from the Governor and Council with some proposals of amendment; which being read with the amendments, was passed into an act of the State.

On motion of Mr. Chipman,

Resolved, That Col. Ira Allen be, and he hereby is excused from the business of the agency to which he was appointed in Grand Committee, on Wednesday last.

Resolved, That his Excellency and Council be requested to join in Grand Committee, to choose an Agent to Congress, in the room of Col. Ira Allen, who has been excused from serving, by a vote of this House.

A bill, entitled, "An act annexing part of the town of Ferrisburgh to the town of Panton;" was read and accepted; and,

Ordered, That the same be sent to the Governor and Council for their revision and concurrence, or proposals of amendment.

A bill, entitled, "An act granting a tax on the lands in Pocock, for the purpose of making roads," &c. returned from the Governor and Council with some proposals of amendment, was read, and with the amendment, passed into an act of the State.

A bill, entitled, "An act empowering the inhabitants within the limits of the city of Vergennes, to exercise town privileges;" was read and accepted; and,

Ordered, To be sent to the Governor and Council for their revision and concurrence, or proposals of amendment.

A bill, entitled, "An act, in addition to an act regulating the militia," was returned from the Governor and Council with some proposals of amendment; which being read, was, with the amendment, passed into a law of the State.

A bill, entitled, "An act granting a tax on the lands in Woodford," being returned from the Governor and Council concurred, was read and passed into an act of the State.

A bill, entitled, "An act, in addition to an act, entitled, An act granting a tax on Winhall, Wardsborough," &c. was returned from the Governor and Council with their concurrence, and being read, was passed into a law of this State.

"The Governor, Council and House of Assembly, met in Grand Committee, for the purpose of electing an Agent to Congress, in the room of Col. Ira Allen, excused. His Excellency the Governor in the chair, Joseph Fay, Esq. Clerk.

"The ballots being taken, the Honorable ISAAC TICHENOR, Esq. was declared duly elected.

"Committee dissolved.

"Attest,

JOSEPH FAY, Clerk."

A bill,

A bill, entitled, "An act granting a tax on the lands in the town of Danville," returned from the Governor and Council with their concurrence, was read and passed into an act of the State.

A bill, entitled, "An act for granting a new trial to Stephen Olin and Penuel Stevens;" was read and accepted; and,

Ordered, To be sent to the Governor and Council for their revision and concurrence, or proposals of amendment.

A bill, entitled "An act enabling Listers to make new lists in certain cases;" read, accepted—and,

Ordered, That the same be sent to the Governor and Council for revision and concurrence, or proposals of amendment.

An account in favor of Curtis Hawley, for the expense in the last sickness and funeral charges of a certain person therein mentioned; being read,

Resolved, That the same be, and hereby is referred to the Paytable for adjustment—such charges being considered as proper charges against this State.

A petition from Brumley—read and referred to the next session of Assembly.

A bill, entitled, "An act relieving the inhabitants of Wallingford Gore, from the payment of town taxes;" read and accepted; and,

The Committee to whom was referred the petition from Minden, praying for a tax on the lands in said town, for making roads, &c. report—"That the prayer thereof ought to be granted;" which being read, was accepted; and,

Ordered, That a bill be brought in accordingly.

The Committee to whom was referred the petition from Woodbury, praying a land tax, for the purpose of making and repairing roads, &c. report—"That the prayer thereof ought to be granted;" which being read, was accepted; and,

Ordered, That a bill be brought in accordingly.

The Committee to whom was referred the petition from the town of Cabot, praying a tax on the lands in said town, for making roads, &c. report—"That the prayer thereof ought to be granted;" which being read was accepted; and,

Ordered, That a bill be brought in accordingly.

A bill, entitled, "An act granting a tax of twopence on each acre of land in the town of Minden;" was read and accepted; and,

Ordered, That the same be sent to the Governor and Council for their revision and concurrence, or proposals of amendment.

A bill, entitled, "An act granting a tax of one penny on each acre of land in the towns of Woodbury and Hardwick, for the purpose of making roads," &c. was read and accepted; and,

Ordered, That the same be sent to the Governor and Council for their revision and concurrence, or proposals of amendment.

A bill, entitled, "An act granting a tax of one penny on each acre of land in the town of Cabot, for the purpose of making and repairing roads, bridges," &c. was read and accepted; and,

Ordered, To be sent to the Governor and Council for their revision and concurrence, or proposals of amendment.

A bill, entitled, "An act granting a tax of one penny on each acre of land in the town of Greensborough, for the purposes therein mentioned;" was read and accepted; and,

Ordered, That the same be sent to the Governor and Council for their revision and concurrence, or proposals of amendment.

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The bill, entitled, "An act for granting a tax of one penny on the pound, on the list of the county of Windsor, for satisfying the debts due from said county;" was read and accepted; and,

Ordered, That the same be sent to the Governor and Council for their revision and concurrence, or proposals of amendment.

A bill, entitled, "An act relating to estates that have been confiscated by the authority of this State," was returned from the Governor and Council with proposals of amendment; which being read with the amendment, and passed into a law of the State.

Resolved, That all causes now depending, or that may be depending, in any Court in this State, where the title of land is concerned, the evidence of which title depends on the interference of any town-lines in this State, shall be continued by such Court, until after the rising of the General Assembly in October next; and the several Courts in this State are hereby directed to take notice hereof and govern themselves accordingly, except where the parties otherwise agree.

A bill, entitled, "An act to call in the public securities of this State, that are or shall be issued within one month from the rising of the present Assembly, by the first day of September next, and new notes on interest at six per cent. per annum;" which being read and accepted; and,

Ordered, That the same be sent to the Governor and Council for their revision and concurrence, or proposals of amendment.

The Committee appointed to form a commission for the Agents to Congress, reported a form of a commission proper for the Agents;—which being read was accepted; and,

Ordered, That his Excellency be requested to make out a commission agreeable to said form.

The Committee to whom was referred the petition of the Surveyor-General, concerning the lines of the town of Berkshire, made their report; which being read,

Resolved, That the same be referred to the next session of the Assembly.

A bill, entitled, "An act granting a tax on the county of Rutland, for the purpose of building a goal in said county of Rutland," returned from the Council concurred, was read and passed into an act of this State.

A bill, entitled, "An act granting a tax on the county of Windham, for the purposes therein named," being returned from the Council concurred, was read and passed into an act of this State.

Voted, That his Excellency receive as a salary from this State, for his services for the ensuing year, the sum of one hundred pounds lawful money; and that the Treasurer be, and he hereby is directed, to pay him the said sum accordingly.

A bill, entitled, "An act granting a new trial to Stephen Olin and Penuel Stevens," was returned from the Governor and Council concurred, and being read, was passed into a law of this State.

A bill, entitled, "An act releasing the inhabitants of Jackson's Gore, from paying town taxes," returned from the Governor and Council concurred, was read and passed into a law of this State.

A bill, entitled, "An act empowering the inhabitants within the city of Vergennes, to enjoy town privileges," was returned from the Governor and Council concurred, read and passed into a law of this State.

A bill, entitled, "An act granting a tax on the lands in Berlin, Montpelier," &c. being returned from the Governor and Council concurred, was read and passed into an act of this State.

A bill, entitled, "An act granting a tax on the lands in the town of Minden, in Orange county," being returned from the Governor and Council concurred, was read and passed into an act of the State.

A bill, entitled, "An act granting a tax on the land in Cabot," being returned from the Governor and Council concurred, was read and passed into an act of the State.

A bill, entitled, "An act granting a tax on the lands in Greensborough," was returned from the Governor and Council concurred, read and passed into an act of this State.

A bill, entitled, "An act granting a tax on the towns of Woodbury and Hardwick," being returned from the Governor and Council with their concurrence, was read and passed into an act of the State.

A bill, entitled, "An act directing the calling in all the public securities that now are or shall be issued within one month from the rising of the Assembly, by the first of September next, and giving public securities on interest at six per cent."—was returned from the Governor and Council concurred, and read and passed into an act of the State.

A bill, entitled, "An act, in addition to an act, entitled, An act regulating the disposition of the monies raised by tax on lands in the several towns, for the purpose of making roads, building bridges," &c. was returned from the Governor and Council, with the proposed amendments, concurred, and being read, was passed into a law of the State.

Voted, That the tax already laid on the town of Fairhaven, shall not be affected by the act passed this session, entitled, "An act, in addition to an act, entitled, An act regulating the disposal of monies raised by tax on the lands in the several towns, for making roads, bridges," &c.

Resolved, That the next general election be holden in Westminster, in the county of Windham.

Resolved, That the Reverend Dan Foster, of Weathersfield, be requested to preach the election sermon at Westminster, in October next : and that the Reverend Hezekiah Taylor, of Newfane, be requested, as second to Mr. Foster, to preach the election sermon on the failure of Mr. Foster.

Adjourned until seven o'clock to-morrow morning.

S A T U R D A Y, OCTOBER 25th, 1788.

A PETITION from Joseph Fay, Esq. praying, that the granting fees on ten rights of land in the township of land granted to Jonathan Hunt, and associates, be received in hard money orders ; was read and accepted ; and,

Resolved, That the Treasurer be, and he hereby is directed, to receive of Colonel Joseph Fay, public securities, of this State, for ten rights of land in Huntsburgh, at nine pounds per right ; any thing to the contrary heretofore passed, notwithstanding.

A bill, entitled, "An act for annexing part of the town of Ferrisburgh to the town of Panton," returned from the Governor and Council, was read, and agreeable to advice of Council,

Resolved,

Resolved, That the same be referred to the next session of Assembly.

A bill, entitled, "An act suspending the collection of certain taxes therein mentioned;" being read, was not accepted, but the bill was dismissed.

A bill, entitled, "An act enabling the Administrator of Elisha Clarke, to sell a lot of land, agreeable to a contract made by the said Elisha in his lifetime," being returned from the Governor and Council concurred, was read and passed into a law of this State.

A bill, entitled, "An act, in addition to an act, entitled, An act directing Listers in their office and duty," being returned from the Governor and Council concurred, was read and passed into a law of the State.

A bill, entitled, "An act granting a tax of one penny on the pound on the list of the county of Windsor, for the purpose of defraying county debts," being returned from the Governor and Council concurred, was read and passed into an act of the State.

Resolved, That a Committee of three be appointed, to make an arrangement for the payment of the debt of the General Assembly.—Members chosen, Mr. Paine, Mr. Johnson and Mr. Freeman.

Resolved, That the Treasurer receive as a salary for the year passed, one hundred pounds lawful money; and that he be, and he hereby is directed, to receive the same out of the treasury of this State.

Resolved, That the Journals of the General Assembly of their present session, be published in the usual manner.

Resolved, That the Secretary be directed to call on the Treasurer for one hundred and seven dollars in specie, for the debt of this day; and the Treasurer is hereby directed to pay the same to the Secretary, accordingly.

Resolved, That one member from each county, be directed to receive the debt for the members of their respective counties; and the Treasurer is hereby directed, to pay the debts accordingly.—Members chosen, Col. Gideon Brownson, Squire Cogswell, Col. Alexander Brush, Samuel Lane, Esq. Col. Bradley, Joel Marsh, Esq. and Major Paine.

Resolved, That the Treasurer be, and he hereby is directed, not to pay any hard money out of the treasury, after the rising of this General Assembly, upon any order whatsoever, except the debt of the Honorable Council, and of this Assembly; and one hundred pounds, which he is hereby directed to pay to the Agents to Congress, taking their receipt for the same, until special orders from a future General Assembly.

Resolved, That the vote granting the Treasurer one hundred pounds as a salary for his services for the passed year, be, and the same hereby is re-considered. And,

Voted, That the Treasurer have one hundred and twenty pounds as a salary for the year passed; and he is hereby empowered to receive the same out of the treasury of this State.

Resolved, That it be the duty of the Agents to Congress, to use all due diligence, to remove every obstacle to the accession of this State to the Federal Government.

Voted, That his Excellency the Governor receive from the treasury, in part pay of his last year's salary, in specie, the sum of nine pounds lawful money.—That each member of Council receive the whole of his debt, (except one dollar to each, which shall be paid by the Treasurer in hard money orders) in like money.—That

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Mr. Sheriff Robinson receive only three pounds in specie, and the remainder of his debenture in hard money orders.—That all members of Assembly receive the whole of their debentures in hard money, except as hereafter excepted, viz. That Mr. *Speaker* Olin receive six pounds in specie, and the residue of his debenture in hard money orders.—That Stephen Jacob, Esq. receive six pounds in specie, and the rest of his debenture in hard money orders.—That Mr. Secretary Hopkins and Mr. Secretary Fay, receive six pounds each in specie, and the residue of their debentures in hard money orders.—That Mr. Joseph Cornwall, who has occasionally served as Chaplain, receive the whole of his debenture in hard money orders.—That Mr. Thaddeus Munson, Deputy-Sheriff, and Mr. Samuel Southerland, Constable, receive the whole of their debentures in hard money orders.

That Samuel Mattacks, Esq. Treasurer, receive after paying out the foregoing debentures, the sum of nine pounds in specie, in part of the salary granted him at the present session.

The bill, entitled, “An act declaring a certain fraudulent instrument, purporting to be a charter to Ira Allen, Esq. and associates therein described, *null and void*.”

Which bill is in the words following, to wit,

“WHEREAS his Excellency THOMAS CHITTENDEN, Esq. Governor of the State of Vermont, by the persuasion of Ira Allen, Esq. without the authority of law, without the knowledge of the House of Representatives, and *even* without the advice of his Council, in a private manner, did presume to sign his name, as Governor, and affix the great seal of the State of Vermont, to a certain paper, purporting to be a charter, and bearing date the twenty sixth day of October, Anno Domini 1781— and further purporting to have been countersigned by Thomas Tolman, Deputy Secretary—and further purporting to incorporate a certain tract of land, with all the privileges and immunities of any other town in this State, by the name of Woodbridge, bounding it as follows, viz. Beginning at the northeast corner of Alburgh, in the south line of the Province of Quebec, and north line of the State of Vermont; thence east in said line so far, that to turn southerly to the northerly line of lands heretofore granted, then westerly in such line to the southeasterly corner of Alburgh, then northerly in the line of Alburgh to the bound began at, will contain twentythree thousand and forty acres. And purporting to transfer the fee of the lands in said limits, from this State to the said Allen and his associates. And whereas after the signing and sealing as aforesaid, the aforesaid instrument, his Excellency was pleased, in a private manner, to deliver said fraudulent instrument, as aforesaid, to the said Ira Allen, without the same being registered, or any minute thereof being kept in any proper recording office in this State whatsover. And whereas the said Ira Allen, after receiving the said fraudulent instrument, as aforesaid, did keep the same secret, unknown to the House of Representatives, or the authority of the State, from the date of said instrument, until the present session, and is now seeking to have the same registered and recorded, with a manifest intent to defeat and make void *grants* that have been advisedly made by act of legislation.

“WHICH GREAT EVIL TO PREVENT,

“It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont, That the instrument before described in the preamble to this act, purporting to be a charter of incorporation,

incorporation, to the said Ira Allen, and his associates, of a certain tract of land therein described, by the name of the town of *Woodbridge*, be, and hereby is declared to be, null and void, both in law and equity, and incapable of being given in evidence, or plead in any Court, hereafter forever, in this State, whatsoever.

“And be it further enabled by the authority aforesaid, That no Secretary, Deputy-Secretary, or recording officer, of what name or nature soever, shall record, or file to receive for record in either of their respective books of public records in this State, the aforesaid instrument, purporting to be a charter of incorporation to said Ira Allen & associates, of a township by the name of Woodbridge, on penalty that every Secretary, Deputy-Secretary, or other recording officer, of what name or nature soever, so offending, and being thereof convicted, shall forfeit and pay to the treasury of the State, the sum of two thousand pounds, and be forever after rendered incapable of holding any office civil or military, in this State.”

Being returned from the Governor and Council with the following memorandum or proposal, on the back thereof, to wit:

“In Council, October 25th, 1788.

“The Council propose as an amendment to this bill, and in lieu thereof, that the Legislature take the cession of the within mentioned paper or charter, from the within mentioned Col. Ira Allen: And that the said Ira Allen, give and enter into bonds, in the sum of Five Thousand Pounds, to the Treasurer of this State, to erase the record of said paper or charter, which has been entered in the Surveyor-General's office, previous to any copy issuing.

“JOSEPH FAY, Secretary.”

Which being read—after a long hearing of his Excellency and sundry members of the Council, the said proposal was accepted:—and,

Resolved, To re-consider the bill, with directions that the same be entered on the Journals.

Resolved, That the Treasurer be, and he hereby is directed, to pay the whole of the debentures of the members of Bennington county, being fifty-four pounds eight shillings and fourpence, to Gideon Brownson, Esquire.

And the whole of the debentures of the members of Assembly from Rutland county, being ninety-seven pounds nineteen shillings and eightpence, to Eli Cogswell, Esquire.

And the whole of the debentures of the members from Windham county, being eighty-three pounds one shilling and eightpence, to Stephen R. Bradley, Esquire.

And the whole of the debentures of the members from Windsor county, being one hundred and three pounds thirteen shillings and eightpence, to Joel Marsh, Esquire.

And the whole of the debentures of the members from Orange county, being seventy-five pounds seventeen shillings and fourpence, to Elijah Paine, Esquire.

And the whole of the debentures of the members from Addison county, being sixty-eight pounds six shillings and eightpence, to Alexander Brush, Esquire.

And the whole of the debentures of the members from Chittenden county, being

seventy-eight pounds three shillings and fourpence, to Samuel Lane, Esquire, for the benefit of the respective members.

Resolved, That Isaac Fitcher, Esq. Auditor of accounts, be, and he hereby is authorized and empowered, to examine and adjust the accounts of the several Printers and Post-Riders in this State, and draw orders for such sum or sums as he shall find due, on the Treasurer of this State; which shall by the Treasurer, be paid in hard money orders.

Resolved, That Ira Allen, Esquire, late Surveyor-General, be, and he hereby is authorized, directed and empowered, to erase the record of a paper, purporting to be a charter issued by his Excellency THOMAS CHITTENDEN, Esquire, as Governor of the State of Vermont, and purporting to be counter-signed by Thomas Tolman, Deputy-Secretary; said by his Excellency to have been issued in the fore part of October, Anno Domini 1786, but bearing date October 26th, 1787; purporting to convey to Ira Allen, Esquire, and his associates, twenty-three thousand and forty acres of land, as a township, by the name of Woodbridge; and by a minute on the back of said pretended charter, purporting to have been recorded in the Surveyor-General's office, in the first book of charters (Vermont grants) page twenty-six, twenty-seven and twenty-eight, October 10th, 1786.

Resolved, That Mr. Lyon be requested to inform his Excellency and Council, that the House of Assembly have finished the intended business of the present session; and to request their attendance, while Mr. Cornwall shall make a closing prayer.

His Excellency and Council attended accordingly, and Mr. Cornwall made a prayer suited to the occasion. After which,

Resolved, That all matters pending before this Assembly be, and the same hereby is referred to the next stated session of this Legislature:—And that this Assembly be, and the same hereby is adjourned without day.

Attest,

STEPHEN JACOB, Clerk.

Rev. Joseph Cornwall, Pastor,
St. Lawrence.